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REDMOND ELECTED.

Parnellite Victory in Yesterday's Election at Waterford.

AN UNEXPECTED BLOW TO THE M'CARTHYITE FACTION.

New Lease of Life Given the Dead Leader's Party—Michael Davitt Surprised and Disappointed—London's Black Fog Still Holds and Many Lives Have Been Lost—Foreign News.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—The result of the election which took place yesterday at Waterford for a member of Parliament to succeed the late Richard Power was made known this morning. To the surprise of the political prophets, Mr. John E. Redmond, the Parnellite candidate, easily defeated the McCarthyite representative, Mr. Michael Davitt. The polling was as follows: Mr. John E. Redmond (Parnellite), 1,725; Mr. Michael Davitt (McCarthyite), 1,229. Majority for Mr. Redmond, 497.

This victory was a heavy blow to the McCarthyites, who were confident of victory, and will serve to give a new lease of life to the Parnellite party. It is now believed to be certain that the followers of the late Mr. Parnell as represented under the leadership of Mr. Redmond will win a number of other seats and be able to maintain themselves as a distinct party for some time to come. The Parnellites had been driven into their last intrenchment, into the last ditch, but they rallied nobly, fought with the most grim determination, and have handsomely routed their enemies.

The number of registered electors at the last election, by which the late Mr. Richard Power (a home-ruler) was returned unopposed, was 3,946 and 2,954 votes were cast yesterday for the two candidates. It will thus be seen that about one thousand people abstained for one reason and another from voting.

The Parnellites are jubilant, of course, and say that their victory arises from the fact that the priests were unable to coerce the Waterford electors, as they had previously coerced the Cork and other voters who have given majorities against Parnellites within the past few months.

So late as yesterday evening the general opinion in political circles was that Mr. Davitt had won and before the polls were opened it was predicted on all sides that he would win by about 500 majority. The result shows how badly the political prophets can be mistaken and proves that there is still considerable vitality in the party fighting beneath the banner of the late C. S. Parnell. Naturally the Parnellites claim their victory at Waterford is a vindication of the principles they uphold. In any case it is difficult to see how the Waterford election can tend to bring harmony to the councils of the Irish Parliamentary party. The Parnellites are now in a position to dictate terms and it is safe to say they will not be backward in doing so.

DAVITT SURPRISED.

It is probable that the most surprised man in Great Britain and Ireland to-day is Mr. Michael Davitt. He had no more idea of being defeated than he had of flying. He counted firmly on the full support of the labor vote in addition to the regular vote of the party, but, contrary to his sanguine expectations, the labor vote was either cast against him or else maintained a neutral attitude and remained at home.

It will be impossible until the effects of this unexpected victory have been weighed by all parties, to predict or even guess at its eventual outcome so far as the prospect of Irish legislation is concerned. The minds of the leaders of both Irish factions are at present too much excited to admit of anything like reconciliation. Mr. Dillon, it will be remembered, announced at Waterford on Thursday last, that if Waterford returned the Parnellite candidate, he (Mr. Dillon) would be bound to tell his countrymen that there was no longer any hope in constitutional legislation, and that he himself should retire to private life. People are now asking themselves if Mr. Dillon will keep his word, and rumor has it that should he do so, other prominent Irish members of Parliament may follow his example. This, it is added, might pave the way to a reconciliation between the contending factions, and gives birth to the hope that the Irish Parliamentary party will be reunited in the near future. This hope, however, is at present only showing a faint glimmer on the horizon.

Mr. John E. Redmond, the successful candidate in the Waterford election, when the result was made known, was hoisted upon the shoulders of his friends and was borne about in triumph amid roars of enthusiastic cheering. Finally Mr. Redmond was allowed to make a speech, during the course of which he said he was certain that the result of the election would be received with pleasure by the Irish everywhere.

Continuing, Mr. Redmond said that he regretted that the dead chief, whose heart was broken with the ingratitude and treachery shown toward him, had not lived to see this day. [Loud cheers.]

Mr. Redmond also said: "We must never forget this magnificent blow struck in the cause of Irish independence."

ALMOST A RIOT.

Owing to the great excitement that prevailed in the room in which the votes were counted the first figures announced were inaccurate. An official recount shows that instead of 1,175 votes Mr. Redmond received 1,775, making his majority over Mr. Davitt 546 instead of 496 as at first reported.

The announcement of the official figures was followed by a scene of the wildest enthusiasm. The Parnellites shouted, waved their hats and sticks and in every way gave vent to their jubilant feelings. The McCarthyites were correspondingly depressed and their defeat. After quiet had been somewhat restored, Mr. Redmond proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Sheriff, to whom is entrusted the task of making the official return of the election.

It is customary for the defeated candidate to second the vote of thanks and Mr. Davitt did not fail in this duty. He took occasion to add, however, after seconding Mr. Redmond's motion, that he would rather lose an election than win by combined terrorism and rowdyism.

This remark provoked a most uproarious outburst of protest from the Parnellites and for a time it looked as though the official canvass would end in a free fight. Mr. Redmond's supporters were fairly wild with indignation at what they deemed the insult upon their leader and upon themselves. They yelled and hooted at Mr. Davitt, and some of the more hot-headed shook their fists in his face and threatened him with all sorts of dire punishment. Amid the noise and confusion could be heard cries of "shame" and "coward," and for a time the position of the defeated candidate was very precarious. The uproar continued for several minutes and a general riot was imminent, when the police interfered, and by threats and a free use of physical force succeeded in restoring something like order. The feelings of the Parnellites were very bitter, and when Mr. Davitt withdrew from the counting-room he was escorted to his hotel by a number of police. It was a wise precaution, for had he attempted to journey alone there is no telling what the consequences might have been.

WILD WITH JOY.

The news of the extent of the Parnellite victory had spread throughout the city, and the streets were filled with people, who were absolutely wild with the excitement of success. Crowds formed in line and paraded up and down the thoroughfares relieving themselves by uttering wild huzzas, and in other ways showing their full appreciation of the political chastisement they had inflicted upon their opponents. Some of the paraders had secured swords, and as they marched they brandished their naked weapons in an exceedingly careless manner, which struck terror into the hearts of the bystanders. As the sword-bearers became particularly vehement in pointing their exclamations with their blades, the people near them would dodge and withdraw to a safe distance. It was not a good opportunity to advance McCarthyite arguments, and Mr. Davitt was fortunate in not running afoul of the Parnellite processionists. Four hundred extra police are on duty in Waterford City and there is no doubt that this force will be able to restrain the ebullitions of the victorious party within safe bounds.

TOM O'BRIEN.

DIFFICULTIES ATEENDING THE BUNCO STEERER'S EXTRADITION.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Tom O'Brien, the New York bunco steerer, who is wanted in Albany, N. Y., for swindling James W. Peck of that city, was again arraigned at the Bow Street Police Court to-day. O'Brien was defended by Mr. Gill and said that the United States authorities had realized that they could not obtain the prisoner's extradition on the charge of larceny and that, therefore, they had amended their complaint into one of robbery with violence. Mr. Gill claimed to be able to show that the violence referred to consisted only in the fact that the prisoner had shouted and waved his arms and that the term violence in the complaint was used only in a formal manner and with the view of obtaining the necessary extradition order which would enable them to take the prisoner back to the United States and there try him for larceny. Finally Mr. Gill asked that the prisoner be remanded for three weeks, saying that he would then be in possession of evidence which would enable him to argue on the questions of law which enter into the case. In any case, Mr. Gill added, he must demand that the presiding magistrate make a special report upon the case.

COUNT TOLSTOI.

RELIEF MEASURES SUGGESTED BY HIM FOR RUSSIA'S STARVING.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—Count Tolstoi who has just returned from the famine stricken districts, announces that his coworker, M. Koyeffsky, recently died of influenza.

Count Tolstoi declares that if the Government would promote village industries suffi- should establish public feeding-places. He himself has started thirty places, which cient work could be found to avert actual starvation. The ordinary authorities, he says fed 500 persons daily at the cost of three shillings monthly for each person. The meals consisted of wholeso me vegetable porridges without meat.

Ignorance as to the situation and amount of stocks of grain, he says, prevents a proper organization of relief measures. If the government ascertained the true state of affairs supplies could be brought from America and other countries.

The Count indignantly opposes the Government's plan of building railways, which he says are a curse and would ruin Russia. Railways would deprive the peasants of their only occupation in winter, when, field work being impossible, by acting as carriers they earn sufficient to procure food for their horses and keep themselves in condition until field work recommences.

The Count states that the wealthy peasants, to set an example, eat mouldy bread and then give the same to the workmen and their children, thus causing a terrible infant mortality.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

GERMANY'S MIGRATION REGULATIONS.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—It is stated that the Government bill to regulate rural migration to towns provides that those persons desiring to quit their native place must advance proof of their ability to acquire a dwelling in the new settlement. If they are unable to maintain a dwelling within a certain period they will be sent back again, and if they are unable to work the parish will allot them a dwelling. To effect this scheme it is proposed that every laborer shall pay a small percentage of his wages into the parish funds.

THE CZAR DISPLEASED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The Berlin correspondent of the London *News* says that telegrams which have been sent to that city from Vienna contain the information that the Czar is displeased at the Chadouine affair as tending to hurry Turkey into the arms of the Dreibund. The Russian Government, it is further said, is trying to influence M. Ribot, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, to adopt a milder policy in the matter.

MALAY UPRISING.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The *Times* correspondent at Singapore telegraphs news of a Malay rising in Pahang, a State of the Malay peninsula. He states that an English magistrate has been fired at and also that a body of armed police has been dispatched from Selangor to quell the revolt. The disturbance is attributed to local hostility to the Malay Sultan.

Tien Tsen dispatch states that Li Hung Chang is recovering from his attack of influenza. The same dispatch also states that an additional detachment of cavalry has been sent Northward against the rebels.

UNJUST RUMOR CORRECTED.

MADRID, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Biarritz to-day says there is no truth in the story published to the effect that Mr. Gladstone had been blackballed by the English Club of Biarritz, an organization composed in the main of Conservatives. On the contrary it is added both Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Morley have been unanimously elected members of the club referred to.

AN OVATION PROMISED.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—It is stated that the Czarina has decided to accompany her son on his coming visit to Paris. She will be conveyed to Brest on the royal yacht and will be escorted by several men of war. Thence she will go direct to Paris, where she will make a short stay prior to her trip to Nice. She will be feted throughout her visit to France and the indications are that her journey will be one long ovation.

FOREIGN BRIEFS.

Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the United States Minister to France, will be President Carnot's guest at a shooting party, which is to be given to the members of the foreign diplomatic corps at Rambouillet.

Negotiations have been opened in regard to a commercial treaty between France and Greece.

Banker Gage Recovering.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—There was a marked improvement this morning in the condition of Lyman J. Gage, the Chicago banker, who has been ill in the Holland House. He rested easily last night and his physician, Dr. Walker, said to-day that he has very strong hopes of his recovery. He will not, however, be able to leave the hotel for some time. His wife is also stopping at the Holland House.

LOOKING FOR SHIPS.

Secretary Tracy Securing Steamers for Transport Service.

NAVAL OFFICIALS EAGER FOR A BOUT WITH CHILI.

The Dynamite Cruiser Vesuvius Preparing for Duty in Southern Waters—Will Admiral Brown Go Back to Valparaiso?—Probable Changes in the Chilian Cabinet—Arrival of the Errazuriz.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Secretary Tracy spent the past few days in New York, and it is stated that while in that city he was in daily conference with officials of the navy yards and proprietors of the big steamship lines for the purpose of securing options on merchant vessels to be used as transports in case of war with Chili. The belief is almost universal among naval officials that this Government is on the eve of open hostilities with the Chilians. It is said that every available ship-of-war carrying the United States flag is now in commission and could be quickly concentrated at Valparaiso.

The Navy Department is unquestionably getting in readiness to strike a blow if the order to do so is given by Congress. That at least a demonstration of our naval strength will be made soon in Chilian waters seems very probable. There is good authority for the statement that the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius, as soon as she is fitted out at Norfolk, will sail at once to join Rear-Admiral Walker's fleet in the South Atlantic, with a view to active service in Chili.

At the State Department it was stated that no dispatches had been received from Minister Egan within the past twenty-four hours to materially changes the situation of affairs at Santiago. From some official sources it was learned, however, that the danger of a sudden rupture of the present diplomatic peaec lies in the fact that the Balmacedists whom Minister Egan is harboring at the legation are so obnoxious to the people and the officials of the provisoinal government that an attack upon them may be looked for at any time.

The policy of the State Department now appears to be to patiently wait the change of Government in Chili, which occurs on the 29th inst., the provisional Government giving way to the officials regularly chosen at the last election, with Jorge Montt as President. Dispatches from Santiago to-day state that Minister Matta, whose speech outlining the policy of Chili in the Valparaiso affair attracted so much attention, will probably be succeeded by Senor Blanco Veil, a more conservative man. It is thought probable that he will pursue a more pacific policy than has Matta.

In the meantime the announcement is made that Secretary and Mrs. Blaine are to be the guests of Senor Pedro Montt, the Chilian Minister at Washington, at dinner on Saturday evening next.

FEAR A REVOLT.

RUMORS OF A PLOT AMONG THE FORMER SUPPORTERS OF BALMACEDA.

SANTIAGO, Chili, Dec. 24.—There have been many rumors in this city and Valparaiso recently about a contemplated uprising of the supporters of Balmaceda. The plot is said to have been hatched in the prison where many of the dead dictator's officers are confined.

The Government, in consequence of these alarming rumors, has adopted the utmost precautions to prevent such an occurrence. All visitors to the penitentiary and jail have been denied admittance, and several prominent men, who were officials under Balmaceda and who were released upon bonds, have been placed again in custody. It is intended to keep them there until after the inauguration ceremonies on Dec. 29. There are also stories of a plot to kill President Jorge Montt and other leading officials of the Junta, but any such attempt seems certain to prove disastrous to those who undertake it. Everything possible has been done to prevent the successful accomplishment of the rumored plot.

Congress to-day, after a careful scrutiny of the electoral vote, formally proclaimed Jorge Montt Balmaceda's successor as President of Chili. The new cabinet will include Ramon Barros Lucas as Minister of the Interior; Francisco Vergara, now manager of the bank at Valparaiso, as Minister of Finance, and Blanco Veil, an able, bright man, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, to succeed Matta. Augustin Edwards, the banker, and one of the foremost men in the Conservative party, will probably retain his present post of Minister of Public Works.

CHILI'S NEW CRUISER.

THE ERRAZURIZ ARRIVES IN THE HARBOR OF VALPARAISO.

VALPARAISO, Chili, Dec. 24.—The Chilian war-ship Errazuriz has arrived at this port. This is one of the cruisers which Balmaceda had built abroad and upon which he counted to assist him in the supreme effort at this city before his fall. The Errazuriz sailed from France to the succor of the Dictator, but before she reached Montevideo the battle of Vina del Mar had been lost and won and Balmaceda was a fugitive. Her commander deserted her and she was soon delivered over to victorious insurgents.

The Errazuriz is a powerful cruiser, of the same model of the Capitan Pratt, now building abroad. Her speed is 19 knots an hour; steel hull, copper sheathed; armament, 4 15-centimeter guns, 2 12-centimeters, 4 rapid-firing (millimeters) and 6 machine guns. Her main battery is canot 36-caliber, the French type. She has three torpedo tubes. The only armor protection is an all-steel protection deck with cellular belts and coffer dams.

SAILS SATURDAY.

THE CRUISER SAN FRANCISCO PROCEEDS TO CHILIAN WATERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The cruiser San Francisco will sail for Chili next Saturday, as sealed orders were received by Admiral Brown yesterday. Several officers expressed the opinion yesterday that Admiral Brown would not go in command of the San Francisco as it would be a mistake for the Government to return him to a place where the prejudice against him is so bitter. The steamer Monowai is expected to-day from Honolulu with full details of the movements of the Charleston.

ARGENTINE ELECTION.

GEN. ROCA AGAIN DECLINES TO BE A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 24.—Gen. Roca has reiterated his decision that he will not be a candidate in the coming presidential campaign. This determination of the most popular man in the Argentine Republic to keep out of the national contest complicates matters seriously and makes another revolution probable. Gen. Roca could unite the people if he would consent to be a candidate.

Missourians at the Metropolis.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The following Missourians were registered at the hotels here to-day: St. Louis, A. A. Anderson, S. G. Scarrett; Springfield, F. Atwood; Kansas City, R. L. Ball, L. Benjamin, Mrs. Howe, W. F. Jenney.

BRUTAL COLLEGE STUDENTS.

A Harvard Society Receives Attention From Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Wm. Lloyd Garrison published an open letter to the president and faculty of Harvard College, in which he says:

"The secret society known as the D. K. E. has long been a source of scandal and private indignation. Aside from the witness penalties attending the initiation of members, a cruelty has been superadded akin to the barbarism of the Feejee Islands or the practices of the degraded Indian tribes. As a culmination of the ceremonies and as an indication of pluck and endurance the victim's arm is bared for branding. In the case which has just come under my observation, six deep and savage burns from the shoulder to the elbow were inflicted with a lighted cigar. Life-long scars and disfigurements are bad enough, but the shock to the system, if already reduced in vitality by previous physical exertions, is severe and dangerous. In comparison with a cigar, a branding iron would be merciful but it seems necessary to add to the danger of the burn that of blood poisoning. Outside the precincts of the university such mutilation would call for the quick interference of the law, even though the weak and foolish subjects yielded their consent, and it deserves to be an indictable offense. In common with other societies which flourish in your sight, a bar providing intoxicating liquors is here maintained contrary to law and decent morals. Only last year many of our respected citizens had the mortification of seeing their sons arraigned in the open court and fined for their offense.

"I ask with solicitude whether such proceedings are beyond your control? If you are powerless to protect the charges confided to your care in the respects just mentioned there still remains to parents the alternative of evoking the interpolation of the court. If you have the power or influence to abate these evils the responsibility resting upon your shoulders is a heavy one; if you have not, upon whom does the accountability rest?"

IT WAS CHOCOLATE.

Consternation Caused by Finding a Mysterious Tin Box.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A tin box, a foot square, frightened a dozen people in Mrs. Emily Watson's house, No. 17 East Seventy-second street, yesterday. It was lying on the refrigerator in the hallway and how it got there nobody knows. Mrs. Watson believed that the box contained dynamite. Policeman Richard Meaner was summoned. He picked the box up gingerly and took it to the police station.

"What have you got there?" asked Sergt. Wallace.

"Dynamite, I believe" said the officer.

The Sergeant suggested that the box be placed in the store room. Doorman Ferguson objected to this. They then took a good look at the box. It was of heavy tin and weighed about five pounds. The Sergeant took a knife and carefully opened one side. The box was found to contain chocolate. It took an hour and ten minutes to make the opening. While the Sergeant was viewing the chocolate that had frightened a whole house full of people, a woman dressed in black entered the place. She said that she was Mrs. Waldo Hutchins and that the box belonged to her. She returned from Europe a few days ago and brought the box of chocolate along for her friend, Mrs. Watson. Finding no one to receive her when she called, and being in a hurry, she placed the box on the refrigerator.

BOYCOTT THE LOYAL LEGION.

Grand Army Rank and File Want No Class Organization.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—There is every prospect that a war will be inaugurated against members of the Loyal Legion by Robert Cheves Post, G. A. R., of this city. Cheves Post has been indorsed more than it has been condemned for its action by different G. A. R. men who are now taking sides in the matter. The intention of Cheves Post is to ask that a boycott be declared against the ex-officers of the rebellion. Ground was taken that the officers maintained a select organization called the Loyal Legion, to which only officers were eligible, while the Grand Army was open to all who had served their country. For the last twenty-five years the officers have been getting the cream of the political offices, say the Cheves Post men, and it is high time the privates had a show. To achieve this they call on all G. A. R. men to boycott the Loyal Legion men when it comes election time.

STRUCK A SAND SPOUT.

Why Work Was Stopped Suddenly on Farmer Hubner's Well.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—While August Hubner and his sons were drilling an artesian well on their farm near Forest Junction, fifteen miles south of Depere and had reached a depth of 105 feet, there work was unexpectedly stopped. It was about 8:30 in the forenoon when they heard an underground rumbling like the rolling of thunder and suddenly a column of sand was spouted from the well and was thrown nearly two hundred feet in the air. The drills, rods and derricks were smashed and bent. The sand spouts continued with short intervals and gradually increased in force until 11 o'clock last night when another column was sent up in the air.

Among the sand which is lying six feet deep around the well were pieces of clay weighing about 100 pounds. At least one hundred wagon loads were thrown out. The diameter of the well was twenty-six inches up to a depth of ninety feet; below that sixteen inches. No sign of water was found.

STUBBORN INSOMNIA.

John P. Roberts Has Not Slept a Wink for Three Weeks.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 24.—The hospital physicians are on tip-toe of expectation awaiting developments in a new and interesting case which has been brought to their attention in the last few days. Dec. 20 a man was examined for admission who had not slept a wink since three weeks previously. The man does not appear sick. His appetite is good and he has an enormously strong constitution, as is evidenced by the fact that he has not broken down under the strain of his long waking. John P. Roberts, the sleepless man, is a wealthy farmer from Adams Township and he is 43 years of age. Several months ago he began to notice his loss of sleep and his affliction at last became so bad that his friends decided that it was best for him to come to this city for medical treatment.

Snow in the Northwest.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 24.—Reports early this morning indicate that it is snowing over a wide area in the Northwest, extending from Battleford, Northwest Territory, southward to Miles City, Mont., and eastward to Grand Rapids, Mich. An average fall in temperature of 25 deg. is predicted for the next twenty-four hours.

Iowa Coal Freight Rates.

DES MOINES, Io., Dec. 24.—The Railroad Commissioners gave a hearing yesterday to the railroads, operatives and others interested in coal rates. The coal men were mainly in favor of the raising of rates on long distance hauling. The railway men were also in favor of raising the rates, and the opinion is that their request will be granted, although no decision was reached.

Certificates of Incorporation.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—The N. O. Nelson Manufacturing Co. to-day increased its capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

The Secretary of State to-day issued a certificate of incorporation to the Fort White Phosphate Co. of Kansas City; capital, \$6,000.

MIDNIGHT MURDER.

Two Pistol Shots, a Flying Assassin and a Woman Dead.

BLOODY TRAGEDY IN A DISREPUTABLE BOSTON RESORT.

An Atrocious Crime in Boston's Bad Quarter—Masked Burglars Terrorize a Servant and Secure Valuable Booty—Jewels Saved at the Expense of an Arm—Arrested at the Altar.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 24.—A murder was committed in the Sudbury House, on Sudbury street, at 1:30 this morning. About that time Barton, the night clerk of the house, heard two pistol shots in close succession from the upper part of the house. He rushed up stairs and was met in the hall on the third floor by the occupants of room 14, who said the shots came from the opposite room, the door of which was locked. A chair was obtained, and Barton looked in over the transom. He saw a man lying on the bed with a revolver in his hand, pointed toward the door, and a woman on her back with blood pouring from a wound in her head. One of the men went went for the officers, while the other remained in the hall guarding the door. When the officers arrived the man was gone, having escaped through a window by means of the fire escape. The couple came to the house about 11:30, the man registering as R. F. Scannell, Lawrence, Mass. He was of medium height, wore dark clothes and a colored shirt. The woman is about 35 years of age and her name is said to be Josephine Brown. The Sudbury House is of a low character..

SAVED HER JEWELS.

FLEEING FROM MASKED BURGLARS MRS. SEARLE BRORE HER ARM.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Two masked burglars entered the residence of Willard W. Searle, Superintendent of the United States Shirt & Collar Co., on Second avenue, Lansingburg, early last evening. At the point of a revolver they compelled the servant girl to disclose the whereabouts of all valuables in the house. Mrs. Searle saw the burglars coming up the stairs. She ran into her room, caught up a box of jewels containing several thousand dollars' worth of diamonds and opening a window jumped sixteen feet to the ground, breaking her arm. She aroused the neighbors, but the burglars escaped by the back door, taking with them about \$1,000 worth of booty. This is the tenth burglary in Lansingburg within three weeks. Three young men have been arrested on suspicion.

ARRESTED AT THE ALTAR.

SPOKANE FALLS, Wash., Dec. 24.—Patrick Egan, nephew of the Minister to Chili, was arrested at the altar yesterday just as he was about to wed Mrs. Matilda Widler, widow of the late Auditor of the Spokane & Kootenai Navigation Co. He was bound over under \$5,000 bonds on a charge of having ruined Annie Widler, the 12-year-old daughter of the prospective bride. The arrest was made by H. W. Cole, Mrs. Widler's son-in-law. It caused great excitement, amidst which Mrs. Widler fainted. At the hearing that followed Egan was bound over. He is a wealthy cattleman.

ANGIE MASSEY'S ASSAILANT.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 24.—No clew has yet been found to point to the party guilty of having caused little Angie Massey's death. The police are working hard to discover the identity of her assailant, but with faint hopes of success. If the child knew, the secret died with her It is thought most strange that the little girl should not have immediately told her parents of the assault.

STAGE ROBBER ARRESTED.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Andrew J. Dorsey was yesterday brought from Mexico on a requisition, having been arrested by Marshal Paul charged with robbing the Casa Grande stage two years ago. He had served two years of an eleven-years' sentence for stage-robbing, but was released on a writ of habeas corpus and went to Mexico, being afterwards located in San Domingo, forty miles from Tucson, Ariz.

BURGLARIZED BY MASKED MEN.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 24.—The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard, near Chandler, was burglarized by two masked men Tuesday night. Beard was shot in the arm and terribly pounded. His arm had to be amputated. B. J. Randall and H. R. Wiseman, two mulattoes from Texas, have been arrested charged with the crime.

ANOTHER CASHIER GONE.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 24.—It is learned that Cashier Hansom M. Bowden of the First National Bank of Wilmington fled because he has for years been stating that the liabilities were \$300,000, when they were \$400,000. The available assets will give depositors 40 cents on the dollar, and the stockholders' assessments will raise this to 60 cents or 75 cents on the dollar.

CHARGED WITH ADULTERY.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Dec. 24.—Judge John C. Melton, an attorney of Wichita, Kan., was brought here last night on an old indictment for adultery. Melton left here shortly after his indictment and took up with his paramour at Wichita, where they have lived ever since. A son of Melton was arrested for larceny recently, but escaped from jail. It was learned he was at Mexico, Mo., and it was supposed he was making for Kansas. A deputy sheriff was sent in pursuit, armed with a requisition for the old man, on the old charge, if he failed to find the son. He could not find the son, and took the father.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24.—Ida Rutgan, daughter of a Libertyville farmer, was fatally shot yesterday by Tom Dawson, who then killed himself. Dawson was a deserter from the army, employed as a farm hand by the girl's father. Unrequited affection caused the deed.

JAIL DELIVERY.

MONMOUTH, Ill., Dec. 24.—Two professional crooks sawed their way through the steel bars of their cell in the jail here Thursday night and escaped. It was the second jail-delivery here within a fortnight.

RODGERS SENTENCED.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 24.—A. S. Rodgers, condemned to death for criminal assault, was sentenced to-day by Judge Tucker, the mandate of the Court of Appeals having arrived yesterday. Rodgers has professed religion and says he is ready for death.

POST-OFFICE BURGLARIZED.

CATLETTSBURG, Ky., Dec. 24.—Burglars entered the Post-office here Tuesday night and blew open the safe. They got \$100 in money and \$600 in stamps and a dozen registered letters. One of the letters contained a diamond ring to Miss Gertrude Conley from a New York friend.

FRENCH MURDERER SENTENCED.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Surgeon-Major Bretton, who on Sept. 28 shot and killed a dentist named Genisset at Courbevoie, was sentenced yesterday to two years' imprisonment without military degradation. Surgeon-Major Bretton is a much-respected officer, decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor. Genisset had accused his pseudo wife of stealing \$6,000 belonging to him and of deserting him for Surgeon-Major Bretton. It appears, however, that the woman only took money that she had invested in Genisset's business.

MISS PFAFFMAN RELEASED.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—Miss Millie Pfaffman, who has since Aug. 10 been under arrest charged with blowing up the residence of Joseph M. Juvenal, in Armourdale, has been released from custody. There was no evidence to show that she committed the deed.

AN UNKNOWN ASSASSIN.

BELLEVILLE, N. J., Dec. 24.—W. H. Dunham, the proprietor of the road house on Washington avenue, was murdered at midnight last night by an unknown person. The assassin from the outside fired through the window of the room in which Dunham was sitting and killed him instantly. Dunham was 35 years old. The assassin escaped.

CRIMINAL BRIEFS.

John Schmider yesterday fatally shot Mrs. Ellen Schraver at Cincinnati, O.

Clem Van was shot and killed yesterday at Fort Gibson, Ark., by a man named Hummingbird.

Ernest Lonhardt, a Chicago butcher, was yesterday fined \$50 for selling horse-flesh for beef.

Reuben Rhodes, night watchman in the Berks County (Pa.) Jail, was sentenced at Reading yesterday to one year's imprisonment for helping two prisoners to escape. Warden Hensch was removed from office.

G. W. Werden confessed at Dallas, Tex., to being a counterfeiter and was remanded to jail.

The State closed its evidence in the Darrow murder case, on trial at Hampton, Io., yesterday. The defense moved for dismissal on the ground that the body was not found. The motion was overruled and the taking of evidence for the defense began.

CASUALTIES.

Two Persons Fatally Injured in a Collision—Minor Mishaps.

PITTSBURG, Pa. Dec. 24.—At 8:40 o'clock this morning car No. 115 on the Citizens' Traction Cable Railway collided with a heavy beer wagon at the corner of Penn avenue and Thirtieth street. The car was wrecked and two passengers fatally injured. They are Benjamin Wise, aged 35 years, and Abner Edwards, a boy. The wagon was standing in front of a saloon and the driver was inside attending to business. The horses became frightened and the wagon was swung around against the car, crashing in the side. Wise and Edwards were struck in the head and their skulls crushed. They were also injured internally.

All the other passengers were badly shaken up and bruised. Six of them had to be taken home. Their injuries are serious, but not dangerous.

DEATH APPROACHING.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 23.—Little Joseph Dekin, son of C. H. Dekin, the hardware merchant, who was accidentally shot through the head last evening by a rifle in the hands of a playmate named George Houck, is still alive. Surgeons have attempted to probe for the bullet, but without success. His brain is oozing from the wound and he cannot live much longer.

AN AWFUL CATASTROPHE.

LISBON, Dec. 24.—Advices have been received from South Africa that while the Coutinhos expedition was en route to Kaghamba an explosion of gun powder occurred by which sixty persons were killed and 170 wounded. Coutinhos himself is among the wounded.

CASUALTY RECORD.

Mrs. J. A. Mackenzie died last night, making the twelfth victim of the recent Lake Shore Railway wreck.

At New Hope, Ky., the 9-months-old child of W. T. Rudolph, pulled a kettle of boiling water upon itself. It was fatally scalded.

Through the careless handling of a pistol by the son of Dr. Lindsey, Miss Marie Crews of Denver, Colo., was shot and killed at the residence of Dr. Jennings.

While cleaning clothing with gasoline, Mrs. H. B. Stevens of Joliet, Ill., was fatally burned. In some way the fluid became ignited and enveloped her in flames.

SUICIDES.

Arrival of Dean's Body at His Old Home—Other Cases.

GALESBURG, Ill., Dec. 24.—Fred Dean arrived here from Wickliffe, Ky., yesterday morning with the body of his brother Howard, who it is thought committed suicide. It would appear that Howard took a train at Chicago on Thursday for Cairo as he was in Wickliffe on Saturday. He put his watch in his grip and sent the grip home by express, and mailed the key. He tore up his letters and going to a lonely spot outside the town, where the Mobile & Ohio and Central Illinois railroads run parallel, he cut off the buttons from his clothes and buried them. He is then believed to have shot himself twice. His groans were heard by a fisherman and a search discovered the buttons and enough of the letters to give a clue.

SHOT HIMSELF.

CLARKSVILLE, Dec. 24.—A man named Reed committed suicide by shooting himself in Pope County, twenty-five miles from here Dec. 21.

FAILURES.

Assignment Made by the Dartmouth Mills—Business Troubles.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 24.—The Dartmouth Mills, manufacturers of woolens, New York City and Lawrence, Mass., assigned to Chas. H. Sprague of this city. The capital stock of the company is \$100,000, all paid in. It is expected that the corporation will have no difficulty in effecting an amicable adjustment and going on in business.

FISH EXPORTERS FAIL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—Lowenthal, Livingston & Co., fish exporters, have failed with liabilities of about \$220,000, which is nearly all due to English firms. A fall in the price of shipping and in the value of salmon is said to have caused the failure.

RECEIVER NAMED.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—W. D. Tyler has been appointed receiver of the Hunt system of railroads in Washington and Oregon on the petition of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. of New York.

Ejecting Squatters.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—Papers are being served in ejectment suit at West Superior against all of the Connor's Point squatters by parties who claim to hold the fee to the land. The plaintiffs claim a record title, and the suits are the culmination of a long standing quarrel which the squatter residents of the disputed lands and will be the test cases in litigation involving more than one thousand persons and their homes on Connor's Point.

A QUIET DAY.

The Approach of Christmas Celebrated on 'Change.

There was less than the usual amount of disorder on the Merchants' Exchange to-day, considering that it was the day before Christmas. There were neither football nor firecrackers, and the flour-bag throwers did not exhibit their accustomed energy, the latter fact being largely due to the vigilance of the Floor Committee. Other modes of amusement were selected. A number of very loud horns and ditto cigars were on the floor, but the day passed off with remarkably little disturbance.

PEACE TO HIS ASHES

Senator Preston B. Plumb's Remains in the Grave.

BURIED TO-DAY AT EMPORIA WITH PROPER CEREMONIES.

Funeral Services at the House—Last Look Taken by Relatives, Friends and Comrades in Arms—Enormous Crowds Witness the Procession—Kansas Bids Farewell to Her Distinguished Dead.

EMPORIA, Kan., Dec. 24.—All that is mortal of the late lamented senior Senator of Kansas was placed beneath his native soil to-day.

It was a typical Kansas day, such as Preston B. Plumb has seen hundreds of times in his beloved "Sunny Kansas." It was a peaceful day, symbolic of the rest which the dead Senator had never known in life. After years of toil for his fellow men and his native State rest had come at last. It was only the elements that were cheerful to-day. A gloom pervaded the city and sorrow was apparent on every face. The flags on the public buildings were displayed at half mast, business houses were draped in black, and on nearly every private residence were displayed emblems of mourning. In many windows there had been placed portraits of the distinguished Senator in frames of black and draped with black crepe. All night long the guards, detailed by Company E, Kansas Cavalry, which was organized thirty years ago by Mr. Plumb, who was then a struggling country newspaper man, paced back and forth before the residence of the dead Senator. In a front room stood the casket containing the body over which another detail from the same company stood guard.

The services of the day commenced with private funeral service at the family residence, at the corner of Sixth and Union streets. They were of the simplest nature, such as would have been desired by Mr. Plumb and in keeping with the plain tastes of the man. The services were strictly private and were attended only by the members of the family, the Congressional delegation and a few chosen friends who had been intimate with the Senator. They consisted only of a prayer by the Rev. Dr. Cordley of the First Congregational Church of Lawrence, Kan., who for many years was pastor of the church which Mr. Plumb attended in Emporia, and the hymn "Abide With Me" sung by the choir of the Congregational Church of Emporia.

In the meantime a procession had been formed in front of the residence to escort the funeral car to the Congregational Church, where the body was to lay in state. The procession was in charge of Col. J. M. Steele, an old army comrade of Mr. Plumb, and was made up in the following order: The Marshal and staff, the Emporia Military Band, Department Commander McCarthy and staff, posts of the G. A. R. and army veterans, the funeral car guarded by eight of the survivors of Company E, Eleventh Kansas Cavalry; other members of the Eleventh Cavalry, Knights Templar and other secret societies, the members of the Congressional Committee, Gov. Humphrey of Kansas and his staff. The rear was brought up by a long line of carriages in which were many distinguished citizens of Kansas.

The pall bearers were: I. E. Lambert, Wm. Martindale, J. E. Perley, W. T. Soden, L. D. Jacobs, C. Hood, L. T. Heritage, G. A. Newman, C. N. Sterry and H. Cross. They marched either side of the funeral car, holding the old battle flag of the Eleventh Kansas Cavalry, which served as a pall. The car was drawn by four black horses in black trappings.

The crowds which witnessed the procession were enormous. Special trains had been run on all the railways from all parts of Kansas and each was crowded with Kansans anxious to show respect for their Senator who had served them in the national councils so long and so well. At the church the casket was placed upon a catafalque raised on a dais. The interior of the church was tastefully draped. The altar was draped with an American flag gathered in folds by bands of black crape. At the left of the altar was an American shield upon an easel which was draped in black, while at the right of the altar was placed an American eagle with outstretched wings and holding in its beak festoons of black crape. The front of the choir loft above the altar was hidden behind an American flag and draped in black, and above the loft hung a portrait of the Senator surrounded by a frame of black. The pew occupied by the family of Mr. Plumb was draped in black.

When the casket had been placed in position the lid was removed and the features of the distinguished Kansan were exposed to the gaze of the people, who as they passed the funeral bier placed upon it flowers, wreaths and various floral designs. So numerous were they that they nearly covered the bier. Among the pieces were many of beautiful design, notable among them being a wreath of ivy leaf in which was traced in blue immortelles the simple word "Rest." Other pieces were: A broken column of white roses, a pillow of white roses on which was formed in red carnations the word "Peace," a cross of tube roses and a large anchor of roses.

The body lay in state until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when the funeral services of the church were held. At that hour the members of the family, Mrs. Plumb leaning on the arm of Mr. Frank Flenniken, private secretary of Senator Plumb; Amos Plumb, Preston B. Plumb, Jr., and the Misses Mary, Ruth and Carrie Plumb, entered the church and were escorted to seats in the front row of pews. Immediately behind them was the Congressional delegations. Seated on either side of the members of the family were stationed the surviving members of Mr. Plumb's old regiment. Behind the Congressional delegation were seated the members of the G. A. R.

REFUSES TO BE A BISHOP.

What Catholic Churchmen Say of Dr. Messmer's Action.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—A cablegram a few days ago contained the announcement that Rev. Sebastian Messmer, Professor of Canon Law at the University of Washington, had been appointed Bishop of Green Bay, Wis. When notification of his election to a bishopric came to Father Messmer he notified Archbishop Kaiser that he would not accept the appointment, stating as a reason for his remarkable action that he preferred to continue in his present work. At the time the Archbishop was quoted as saying that Rome might compel Messmer to accept the bishopric, as that course had already been pursued in the case of Bishop Ireland and Bishop Spalding of Peoria, Ill.

Speaking of Dr. Messmer's action yesterday, Mgr. Zeininger said: "If he shows a desire not to, or can show sufficient reasons why he should not, his reasons and desire will doubtless prevail. If, after considering the case, a wish is expressed by the Pope that he should accept, he probably would, although he would not be compelled to."

Father Huely of Peoria once refused an appointment as bishop, and again stated that he did not want the position when asked to accept by the Pope. Bishop Spalding of Peoria, the present bishop, was then appointed. Dr. Messmer now deals entirely with the Pope. It is probable that he will receive a response from Rome in the course of a few weeks.

Supplying the Poor.

The scholars of St. Bridget's and St. Leo's schools did not forget the poor in their celebrations to-day. The schools were each plentifully supplied with provisions, which were dispensed with a lavish hand to the needy.

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BLAINE IS WILLING.

He Will Be a Candidate for President in 1892.

STRONG WITH THE PARTY AND IN EXCELLENT HEALTH.

Significance of the Recent Cabinet Appointment—Business Politics Holding the Reins—Freed From Entanglements With Windward Anchors, the Maine Statesman Is Eager for the Fray.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—It is daily becoming more and more apparent that the close friends of Blaine, such as Joe Manley et al., knew precisely what they were talking about when, in their familiar way, they declared that the "old man was in the race."

Party leaders, whose inside information cannot be questioned, now affirm these assertions of Mr. Blaine's shouters, and further make the statement that if the Minneapolis Convention were held to-day, instead of in 1892, "Harrison would not be in it."

Another fact which is growing in dimensions every day is that the opponent of Stephen B. Elkins to a cabinet position was not a Blaine man nor in the interest of Blaine. The popular belief that Blaine and Elkins are personal and political intimates is far from correct. The relations of the two men are friendly because the interests of both are served by keeping them so. But they are not intimates and have not been for some time. At one stage of his career Mr. Blaine fell into the error, common to public men of lower aims, of thinking he would be strengthened by an alliance with capital. The two who profited most by this mistaken idea were Stephen B. Elkins and Andrew Carnegie.

A BUSINESS ALLIANCE.

The former lost no time in forming a business connection of great value to himself and less, but not immaterial in a financial sense, to Mr. Blaine. Mr. Carnegie promptly assumed a more personal relationship, which gratified in a measure his social ambition, but gave a disproportionate return in very large contributions to funds used in campaigns of immediate concern to Mr. Blaine. To one other rich man—William Walter Phelps—Mr. Blaine placed himself under financial obligations, but as Mr. Phelps had no sordid interests to serve and is ever ready to accommodate a friend from his abundance, the transaction in no way affected Mr. Blaine's public standing.

That his open alliance with Elkins and Carnegie did operate against him in 1888, when at the time of the convention he was on the manufacturer's coach in Scotland, as well as at the polls in 1884, was well understood by both his friends and his enemies.

The time came when he, too, felt the great disadvantage which almost unwittingly he had brought upon himself. The result of his appreciation and reflection was an earnest attempt to cut loose from all such entanglements.

To sever his business relations with Elkins was comparatively easy. It was done. To forsake the handsome mansion built with Mr. Phelps' money involved only an overruling of family objections. That, too, was accomplished. Only Carnegie, the most troublesome of the three, remained, and his claim was satisfied finally with the opening of new markets for his wares at great advantage to himself and, incidentally, corresponding disadvantage to the farmers, whose representatives in Congress were frightened into serving as cat's paws to draw the manufacturer's chestnuts from the fire.

FREE OF BURDENS.

The last big personal debt has been paid, and Mr. Blaine stands squarely upon his feet a free man for the first time in years.

With this true understanding of the case the absurdity of supposing that Mr. Blaine demanded or even desired the appointment of Elkins becomes apparent. There was no reason why he should assume to oppose the President's wish, and he did not. He was simply indifferent.

The real cause of the former lobbyist's elevation to a Cabinet position is strikingly similar to that which embarassed Mr. Blaine. There is a sordid element in the Harrison family which has made itself painfully manifest in obvious attemps to make the most of fleeting opportunities. One of the first to detect this peculiarity—for such fortunately it is in the history of our Presidents—was Mr. Elkins. To his sagacity in playing upon this phase of human nature he owed all of his public and a large proportion of his financial success. It was but natural, therefore, that he should rise on this occasion as a trout rises to a fly. It was his money, and that of his partner, Mr. Kerens, which set up Russell Harrison as a newspaper proprietor in Montana, and gave him a start in how many of the other business enterprises in which this portionless young man has engaged goodness only knows.

For all this kindly aid the young man's father felt a sense of gratitude. It is barely possible, moreover, that, hearing the elastic step of his overpowering premier, and knowing what it meant, he conjured up visions of his own future and saw two pictures—one of Benjamin Harrison, lawyer, buried on limited means in the obscurity of a Hayes; the other, of Benjamin Harrison, President and figurehead of vast corporations, with the princely income and potent influence which accompany such positions.

Whether President Harrison really gave heed to these strange considerations, only he can tell. Others certainly did. It is no longer a secret that "the family" had much to do with the appointment of Mr. Elkins.

IT WAS PLAIN BUSINESS.

There were undoubtedly some political considerations taken into account in the appointment of Elkins, but they were not weighty. They played so minor a part in this purely "business" appointment that they are not worth mentioning.

Mr. Elkins is "a plain business man," engaged in the laudable pursuit of making money out of railroads, seals or whatever fish may come to his net. As it takes two to make a bargain, the future relations between Harrison and Elkins may be easily ciphered out.

The prime fact remains that Elkins was not Blaine's appointee, and that he is now and will be a candidate for the presidency in 1892. He cannot afford to wait another four years, and his physician informs him that his strength is amply sufficient to withstand the strain of the canvass.

FLOWER AND BLAND.

GOV. PENNOYER'S CHOICE FOR NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—Gov. Pennoyer has permitted the publication of another oracular utterance upon topics of national import. He says: "I would make the Democratic ticket in the next presidential campaign Flower and Bland. That would make the strongest combination we could put in the field." Commenting on the above, the *Oregonian* will say: A few more utterances like this and the people will arise in their power and place Oregon's Governor himself in the highest office in the gift of the nation.

AFTER WOODS' SCALP.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 24.—Prominent Democrats here are preparing the evidence which will be used by Senators Voorhees and Turpie in their fight against the confirmation of Judge Woods. The two Senators will confer with the Indianapolis bar on the matter next week.

The stenographic reports of the contradictory rulings of Judge Woods in the "blocks-of-five" case are in the possession of ex-District Attorney Bailey and these will be used. It is claimed that after the Grand-jury had voted to indict Dudley and the indictment had been drawn by Bailey, a grand-juror informed Judge Woods of the facts and then Judge Woods reversed his ruling to shut out an indictment. Evidence in support of this claim will be gathered.

An effort is to be made to have Congressman Bynum renew in the House his resolution asking for a committee to investigate the charges of corruption in Indiana in 1888, and the Senate will be asked by Mr. Turpie to appoint a committee to inquire into the matters that are charged against Woods in the same connection.

NORTH DAKOTA SENDS DELEGATES.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 24.—The North Dakota State Alliance has decided to send delegates to the National Convention of the People's party at St. Louis in February.

A 250-Pound Deer,

With oysters and celery, etc., to be served at the Grand Cafe, 408 Washington av., Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. R. H. Beckley cordially invites his many friends and patrons to come and join the grand lunch and get something choice to tickle his palate. Remember, this is Thursday, Christmas Eve.

Death of J. E. Dougherty.

Mr. J. E. Dougherty died this morning at about 10 o'clock at the St. Louis Mullanphy Hospital of lung trouble, from which he had been a sufferer for several years. He had traveled extensively in the hope of regaining his health, but it failed to benefit him. Mr. Dougherty was about 30 years of age and leaves a widow and a little daughter to mourn his death. He was an old member of the Tredway Rifles and that organization will probably turn out in a body to escort his remains to their final resting place in Calvary Cemetery. The funeral will take place Saturday, due notice of the hour and place of which will be given.

His Dog Saved Him.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 24.—At the inquiry into the death of William Dillman yesterday there was developed a singular story of how a dog saved a life. Dillman and a companion named Wallace were walking the Pennsylvania railroad in Frankfort with three dogs. Suddenly Wallace's dog jumped at its owner, struck him on the breast and knocked him off the track. A second after a train came along and before Dillman could be warned he was hit by the locomotive and killed. The dog afterward pawed Wallace and licked his hands, as if to show that it had been instrumental in saving his life.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO PARENTS.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats Given Away.

We will give away 2,000 Boys' Overcoats, as long as they last, at 75c; Suits at 90c; 1,000 pair Knee Pants at 15c. GLOBE, 703-713 Franklin avenue.

Five Dollars for the Poor.

A charitably inclined person, who signs himself G. M. K., sent a $5 bill to this office this morning, with the following note: "Inclosed find $5, which I wish you would have distributed among five of the most deserving families with small children that may need it." The money, with the note, was forwarded to Secretary Fred Lucas of the Police Department, who takes charge of all charitable donations.

HOLIDAY RATES

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R. H. BECKLEY of the Grand Cafe, 408 Washington avenue, will, on Thursday evening, serve a grand lunch to his many friends and patrons. The lunch will consist of a deer weighing 250 pounds, received by Mr. Beckley from Arkansas, and fried oysters, with celery. This lunch will be the finest ever seen in any cafe in this city. Don't fail to attend.

The ninth game of the Judd-Showalter chess match was played yesterday afternoon at the headquarters of the St. Louis Chess Club. The opening was the Ponziani, and at the end of the forty-sixth move, after playing for five hours, Judd surrendered. The score now stands: Judd, 3 games won; Showalter, 3; drawn, 3.

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CHRISTMAS DAY.

How It Will Be Observed by Christians in St. Louis.

PROGRAMMES OF THE SERVICES IN THE VARIOUS CHURCHES.

Mid-night Masses in Convent Chapels—The Order of Services in the Episcopal Churches—Masses to Be Celebrated in Catholic Churches and Musical Programmes to Be Rendered.

The religious celebration of the feast of the Nativity, or Christmas, as it is popularly known, begins this evening. In all the churches belonging to the M. E. Church, South, there will be watch-night services, beginning at 8 and lasting until 12 o'clock. The Catholic celebration begins at midnight, when midnight mass is said in the convents and religious institutions throughout the city. In the churches the celebration commences with solemn high mass at an early hour and low masses are then said continually until 10:30, when solemn high mass is again said. The feast is celebrated with great solemnity in the Episcopalian churches, the beautiful musical accompaniment to the service adding greatly to the effectiveness of the celebration. In the Presbyterian and Baptist churches the celebration of the feast will be postponed until next Sunday.

MIDNIGHT MASSES.

Rev. Father Conway, S. J., will celebrate midnight mass at the Convent of the Good Shepherd. The Gregorian "Mass of the Angels" will be rendered by a male choir.

In the beautiful marble chapel of the Sacred Heart Convent at Maryville the midnight service will be celebrated by a Franciscan friar from St. Anthony's Monastery. The musical service will be sung by the ladies of the Sacred Heart.

In the old convent of the Sacred Heart, or as it is better known, the "City House," midnight mass will be sung by Rev. Father Finnerty. The music will be rendered by the convent choir.

The services at the Academy of St. de Chantal will begin at 10 o'clock this evening, when the nuns will chant the Christmas office until midnight. High mass will then be said by Rev. Father Mageveny, S. J., during which the nuns will sing Marzo's Italian mass in F. After mass a Christmas canticle, "Pius Natus," will be given by a full chorus.

At the old Visitation at Cass avenue, Rev. Father O'Brien will say the midnight mass. The celebrated choir of the Convent will render an appropriate musical service.

The celebration of Christmas at the Convent of Mt. Carmel is always interesting, as a sign of outward joy is of a frequent occurrence in this house of penance and prayer. On the feast of Christmas all signs of penance are laid aside and the feast is celebrated with joyful devotion. A pretty custom in this cloister is the singing of Christmas hymns around the manger. The songs are expected to be original, and each sister taxes her poetical ingenuity to have something worthy of the occasion.

Midnight mass will be celebrated at the Convent of Mercy by Father Ryan of St. Bridget's. at the Ursuline Convent by Vicar-General Muelsiepen and at St. Joseph's Convent, Carondelet, by a Franciscan friar.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

At St. John's Church solemn high mass will be said at 5 o'clock with a succession of low masses every half hour until the next high mass at 10:30 o'clock, which will be sung by Vicar-General Brady, assisted by Fathers Coffee and Long. The choir under the directionof Prof. Vollemeke will render Haydn's "Second Mass" at the early service and Mozart's "Twelfth" at last mass.

At the old Cathedral high mass will be sung at 5 o'clock and solemn high mass at 10:30 o'clock; the choir will sing Haydn's "Jubilee Mass" in C. Service will close with benediction.

At St. Alphonsus' (Rock) Church first mass will be at 5 o'clock with continuous masses until the solemn service at 10:30 o'clock. The choir will sing Glorza's second mass.

At St. Xavier's Church on Grand and Lindell avenue, Rev. Jos. Glemmelsman will sing solemn high mass at 4 o'clock, the choir rendering Mozart's "Twelfth Mass." Low masses will then be said continuously at the three altars until 10:30 o'clock. Father Bronsgeest will sing the solemn high mass at the late service and Father Thomas Ewing Sherman, S. J., will preach the Christmas sermon. Hummel's mass in B flat will be rendered by the choir, accompanied by an orchestra of twenty-five pieces. Mrs. Louise A. Peebles will sing Rossini's "Laudamus Te." The Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah" will be sung as a recessional. August Hatte will preside at the organ, M. A. Gilsinn acting as choir master.

Rev. Father Harty will celebrate solemn high mass at 4 o'clock in St. Leo's Church. There will be another solemn service at 10 o'clock with sermon by Rev. J. T. McDermott, C. M., of Cape Girardeau, Mo. A quartette choir consisting of Misses Lillie Gavin, Nora Kiernan and Messrs. E. Kalkman and Lucien Jones will sing Glorza's military mass at the late service.

At the Church of the Immaculate Conception high mass will be sung at 5 and 10:30 o'clock. The choir will render Von Weber's mass at the early service and Glorza's at the late mass.

Rev. Wm. Walsh will sing solemn high mass at St. Bridget's Church at 4:30 o'clock. The last mass at 10:30 o'clock will be celebrated by Father John Byrne. The choir will sing Glorza's mass at both services.

Father Martin S. Brennan will spend his last Christmas with his old parishioners of St. Thomas of Aquin's Church to-morrow. He will preach on the "Nativity" at the high mass at 10 o'clock. The choir will sing Glorza's Military Mass.

At SS. Peter and Paul's Church solemn high mass will be sung at 4 o'clock and low masses continually thereafter until the late service. The choir will sing the Gregorian Christmas service.

At St. Michael's Church there will be solemn high mass at 5 and 10:30 o'clock. Lejeal's mass in D will be rendered at the early service and Von Weber's mass in G at 10:30 o'clock.

Rev. Edward Fenlon will preach the Christmas sermon at the Church of the Visitation. High masses will be said at 5 and 10 o'clock. The choir will sing selections from Von Weber's, Brown's and Morza's masses.

At St. Malachi's Church the service will begin at 4 o'clock and will conclude with a solemn high mass at 10:30 o'clock; Haydn's Sixteenth Mass will be sung. Father Michael, a Passionist, will preach at the late service.

Solemn high mass will be said at St. Agnes' new Church at 4:30 and again at 10 o'clock. Mozart's Twelfth High Mass will be rendered by the choir.

There will be high mass at 5:30 and 10:30 o'clock at St. Xavier's Church to-morrow. Brown's Martial Mass will be sung at the services.

At St. Joseph's Church the pastor, Rev. Jos. Etten, S. J., will sing high mass at 5 o'clock, the choir rendering Bollman's accompaniment. At 10 o'clock solemn high mass will be celebrated. Mozart's Seventh Mass will be sung by the choir. At 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon solemn vespers will be sung with the full liturgy.

St. Elizabeth's Colored Church on Thirteenth and Morgan streets will celebrate the feast with great solemnity. Solemn high mass will be said at 4 and 9:30 o'clock. The choir will render Gilsinn's grand Italian mass. There will be solemn vespers in the evening.

Solemn high mass will be sung at 5 and 10 o'clock in the Holy Name Church. The choir will sing the grand Italian mass at both services.

There will be a high mass and sermon at 7 o'clock in the Church of the Holy Rosary and solemn high mass and benediction at 10 o'clock. The choir will sing Peter's mass in D.

Christmas will be celebrated at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in an impressive manner. There will be high mass at 6 o'clock, Father Brantner, celebrant, at which Lachaner's "Messo Solemnence" will be rendered. High mass at 10:30 o'clock will be sung by Father Curran. Father Brantner will preach the sermon. Glorza's "First Mass" will be rendered. The solos will be sung by Misses Gertie Jonnen, Lizzie Ryan, Nellie McGrath, May Layton and Mr. John Schulte.

The choir, under the direction of Prof. A. Kypta, will be augmented by the addition of several singers. The church will be handsomely decorated for the occasion.

EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

The service at Trinity Church begins at midnight. Stainer's service in F, with "Agnus Dei" and Benedictus will be rendered. For the offertory Sir John Goss' anthem, "Behold I Bring You Tidings of Great Joy!" The Christmas Day services will be at 7:30 and 11 o'clock. The choir will be assisted by Messrs. Keady, Ravold, Groffman and Joel.

At St. Peter's Church an elaborate service will be held at 11 o'clock. The surpliced choir, consisting of twenty-four male and six female voices, will sing the full choral service. Goodson's "Venite," Sullivan's "Te Deum" in D, Gounod's "Kyrie," and Spohr's "Sanctus" are among the selections. At offertory "His Glory Shall Be Seen," by Jarvis.

The members of St. George's Church will hold their Christmas services at Mahler's Hall, Olive street, near Grand avenue. The musical service will be rendered by a vested choir of thirty voices and with the direction of Prof. Henry Allman, Mr. Chas. Galloway organist. The full service will be sung at offertory "O, Holy Night," Adams. Rev. R. A. Holland, S. T. D., will preach the sermon.

Rev. P. G. Robert will preach the Christmas sermon at 11 o'clock in the Church of the Holy Communion. The choir will render an appropriate Christmas service.

At the Church of the Good Shepherd, 2849 South Ninth street, Rev. B. F. Newton, rector, there will be Holy Communion service at 7:30 o'clock in the morning. At 10:45 o'clock there will be a sermon, communion service and prayer. The full musical service will be rendered by a choir of thirty-five voices under the direction of Choir Master Forsyth and Miss Mary Asliky, organist.

On Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be a children's Christmas festival and service of song. The programme will embrace the singing of Christmas carols, reciting Scripture verses and distribution of cards. On Monday night a Christmas tree party in the Guild room for the little folks. There will be recitations and singing and Santa Claus will distribute gifts to the faithful Sunday-school children.

The hours of service at St. John's Church are as follows: Even song and communion celebration at 11 o'clock this evening. Christmas day celebration at 7:30 and 10 o'clock. The music at the last services will be sung by the vested choir of thirty-six voices assisted by twenty ladies.

The Christmas programme at St. Mark's Memorial Church, Washington and Vandeventer avenues, Rev. John Wilkinson, pastor, is as follows:

Christmas Eve, 7 p. m.—Children's service and distribution of Christmas gifts. The children's offerings will be sent to St. Stephen's Mission, St. Louis.

Christmas Day, 7 a. m.—Holy Communion. 11 a. m., morning service and Holy Communion with sermon by the rector. The offerings at this service, as required by Canon, go to the fund for aged and infirm clergy. The music at the several services will be sung by the Vested Choir of the church, Mr. Geo. J. S. Collins, Choirmaster, and Mr. Theodore Smith, Organist.

Christmas Day services at St. Paul's Church begins with celebration of the holy communion at 6:30 o'clock and full choral service at 10:45 o'clock.

There will be an early communion service at 8:30 o'clock and late service at 11 o'clock. The choir will render an interesting programme. Rev. Dr. Ingraham will preach the sermon.

Christmas will be celebrated with full solemnity at Christ Church Cathedral. Dr. Schuyler will officiate and Rt. Rev. Bishop Tuttle will preach the sermon. The complete choral service will be rendered by the vested choir. At the offertory Wayman McCrerey will sing "O Holy Night," accompanied by the chorus.

OTHER CELEBRATIONS.

There will be a Christmas entertainment at Brank Mission to-morrow, at which an interesting programme of song, recitations and Sunday-school exercises will be gone through.

At Westminster Presbyterian Church Rev. W. R. Henderdeen will preach the annual Xmas sermon next Sunday morning. Monday evening there will be an entertainment in the lecture-room at which Santa Claus will distribute gifts.

The Sunday-school of the North Presbyterian Church will give an elaborate entertainment to-morrow night.

There will be an all-night prayer-meeting this evening at the First M. E. Church, South, Garrison avenue and Dayton street. Dr. Carradine will lead the service.

There will be a special Christmas service in the chapel of the Pilgrim Congregational Church to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The choir will render special Christmas music and the meeting will be most attractive.

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TRYING DIVORCES.

How Judge Fisher Put in the Day in Court.

KATHARINE ROTHKOFF'S TALE OF HER MARITAL TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS.

A Woman Who Came to This City Especially to Procure a Separation From Her Husband—John Nugent Wants $20,000 for the Loss of Both Hands—Court News.

Judge Fisher is engaged to-day hearing divorces. The first case tried was that of Catherine Rothkopf against Ferdinand Rothkopf of 1904 Destrahan street. Mrs. Rothkopf testified that her husband drank a great deal. He worked in a brewery, she stated, and came home under the influence of liquor almost every evening. He drank a great deal of beer, she stated. On one occasion, she testified, her husband offered her beer to drink and she refused to take it, whereupon, she stated, he struck her with his fist and knocked her down behind the stove and choked her.

"I told him," said Mrs. Rothkopf, "that I would not drink the beer. I would take poison and kill myself. I screamed when he knocked me down and called for the neighbors. I got away from him at last and ran away." On another occasion, she stated, her husband ran her out of the house with a knife. She went to a friend's house and stayed all night she stated and a policeman came home with her in the morning. The knife was found, she stated, in the yard. He tore her clothes off of her and threw the dishes at her. Her husband owns a house and lot on Destrahan street, she stated, worth $2,000. She was finally compelled to leave her husband and is employed at 1212 Olive street.

The parties have two children, Emma, aged 17, and a married daughter, aged 22. Both children testified to their father's bad treatment of their mother. Emma, a good-looking young woman, who spoke in faultless English, testified to her father's knocking her mother down when she refused to drink beer. She stated that her mother had frequently to assist her father to take off his clothes in retiring as he would be too much under the influence of liquor to disrobe himself. Her father, she stated, used to become angry at the witness for speaking in English, which he did not understand, and run her out of the house. She is employed, she stated, in a shoe factory. The married daughter, Mrs. Mary Bader, and her husband also corroborated the story of the treatment of his wife by Rothkopf. Bader, who also is a brewery man, stated his mother-in-law treated her husband too good.

"That is, you think," said Attorney Hugo Muench, who was conducting the case, "that it would have been better if Mrs. Rothkopf had used more forcible means."

"Yes," assented Bader laughing. Miss Anna Goldkamp, a young girl friend of the daughter, Emma, testified that she used to be at the Rothkopfs nearly every evening. She lived close by, and used to drop in to see Emma. Rothkopf, she stated, used to drink a good deal. "He used to get mad at us girls," said she, "because we talked American."

Judge Fisher granted the divorce and allowed Mrs. Rothkopf $1,000 alimony in gross.

TRIED TO MAKE A MAN OF HIM.

The next case tried was that of Mrs. Emma Campbell against Richard Alexander Campbell. The parties were married Dec. 29, 1881, and lived together until March 13 last. Mrs. Campbell testified that her husband has been an habitual drunkard for the two years preceding the filing of the divorce suit. She tried, she stated, to make a man of him, but failed. He failed, she stated, to support her and her children, and she was compelled to make her own living. The divorce was granted.

HE WANTED HER BACK.

The petition for divorce of Daniel W. Kidnell from Ella Kidnell was denied, though the petitioner told a very sorrowful tale. She was his second wife, Kidnell stated, and he charged that she treated his children by his first marriage badly, and demanded that he send them away, which he did, he stated, to please her, excepting his two boys. His daughter was dying of consumption. Kednell stated, when he had her removed from his home at his wife's command, and she died two days later. He objected, he stated, to his wife receiving the attentions of a certain party, and his wife told him, so he said, that she had gone with the other man before she was married to him and that she would sooner give him (her husband) up than her old beau. Kidnell also stated that his wife demanded that he sell his home which he did, and she took the money, he stated, and spent it extravagantly. He also charged that his wife neglected her household duties, had a violent temper, etc. The decree was denied for the following reasons: The plea for divorce was on the ground of general indignities. It appeared from the evidence that Mrs. Kidnell had left her husband four times and that he had gone after her each time to try to induce her to return. Judge Fisher held that Kidnell's life could not have been rendered "intolerable" by his wife's conduct or he would not try to get her to stay with him.

CAME TO THE CITY FOR A DIVORCE.

The divorce suit of Josephine Mitchell against John Mitchell was dismissed because it was shown that Mrs. Mitchell was not a permanent resident of St. Louis. Her father, she said, lived in Illinois and she had come to St. Louis to get a divorce and was going back home to her father's as soon as she got her divorce. She was married May 28, 1884, at Louistown, Ill., and lived with her husband until July 22, 1886. She stated that her husband failed to support her and idled away his time frequenting saloons. When under the influence of liquor she stated he was cross and abusive to her. On July 22, 1886, she said, while riding in a wagon near Pekin, Ill., going to her home, her husband met her and dragged her out of the wagon and beat her.

THE DIVORCE GRANTED.

Anna Gerling was granted a divorce from Henry Gerling. They were married Sept. 28, 1881, and separated May 5, 1891. She charged infidelity. She was granted the custody of her child, Henry, and the restoration of her maiden name of Mitzloff.

Lost Both Hands.

John Nugent filed a suit to-day against the Kauffman Milling Co., asking for $20,000 damages. Nugent in his petition states that he was employed at the Kauffman Milling Co. at Twenty-first and Randolph streets, on Aug. 26, 1889, as a sweeper of the floor of the mill. He was ordered, he alleges, by an agent of the milling company named Porter to feed the sweepings of the floor into a certain roller machine. Porter directed him, Nugent alleges, to feed all the sweepings into the machine with a small scoop and to use one of his hands to push the sweepings into the rollers. The work was extra hazardous, Nugent alleges, and not the work for which he was employed. In doing the work, Nugent avers, his left hand was caught in the rollers, and crushed and mangled so as to render it entirely useless. In attempting to rescue his hand, he avers, his right hand was caught in the rollers and so crushed and mangled as to destroy it.

Divorce Suit Filed.

Matilda C. Haas filed suit for divorce to-day against Fred J. Haas. They were married June 18, 1885, and lived together until May 2 last. She alleges that he failed to provide a home for her and that during the period of their married life he compelled her to live with her parents. For the period of three years, she states, he has failed to provide for her support and wearing apparel. She also charges that he drank and used vulgar and abusive language towards her.

Thomas White's Will.

The will of Thomas White was admitted to probate to-day. He leaves to his sister, Bridget White, a twenty-five foot lot on Easton avenue, together with the improvements on the lot. He also leaves his sister Bridget his household goods and all his personal property. He leaves $25 to his mother, Mary White of the County Wicklow, Ireland. He orders $300 set apart for his funeral expenses.

Mechanic's Lien Suit.

James Duross and Charles A. Alcott began a mechanic's lien suit against John B. La Barge, Corinne Benoist and Mary E. Benoist to collect $630.50 for certain mill work alleged to have been furnished for a building owned by Corinne and Marie E. Benoist on Lindell avenue, 410 feet west of Newstead avenue.

Another Manufacturing Company.

The H. Pauk & Sons Manufacturing Co. filed articles of incorporation to-day with a capital stock of $50,000, one-half paid. The stock is held by Henry Pauk, Gustave W. Pauk and Henry E. Pauk.

Court Notes.

Letters of administration were granted to-day to Franz Brinkmeier on the estate of Gerhard Heinrich Peirick, alias August Heinrich Peirick, the estate being valued at $2,000, and to Jacob Furth on the estate of Simon Samuels, the value of which is $1,000.

Public Administrator Charles Scudder took charge to-day of the estate of John Cocker, the value of which is unknown.

Grip Paralyzes a Railroad.

OTTUMWA, Io., Dec. 24.—The grip has captured Ottumwa, and the physicians say that about 2,000 people are suffering from it. The C. B. & Q. physician says that it is seriously interfering with the freight business, at least 10 per cent of the employes being laid off because of it.

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Children Cry for PITCHER'S CASTORIA

SKELETON IN A TREE.

Supposed to Be the Remains of an Escaped Convict.

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Dec. 24.—Some woodchoppers while at work in the hills west of Tishomingo cut down a large oak tree which was partly hollow. The entrance to the hollowed portion had almost entirely grown over, leaving only a narrow slit in the tree.

When the tree fell to the ground it was split by the fall, and there, lying in the center of the broken wood, was the skeleton of a man. On one ankle was a band of iron attached to a piece of chain. From appearances the skeleton has been entombed for many years. Two of the ribs were broken, apparently by a bullet.

The supposition is that the man escaped from some prison and had fled with a portion of his manacles, and, being shot and hard-pressed, had sought refuge in the tree and there died.

HOLIDAY RATES

VIA THE

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MRS. SAMUEL CORRIGAN of 142 North Grand avenue was removed to the Lunatic Asylum yesterday. Her husband, who was a steam fitter, died suddenly yesterday without medical attendance, and the news of his death unbalanced the mind of his wife.

THE artistic, sweet-toned Henry F. Miller pianos, sold by J. A. Kieselhorst, 1000 Olive.

DEATHS.

BLACKBURN—On Dec. 24, 1891, Mrs. MARY ANN BLACKBURN, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Dorsett, at Ferguson, Mo., aged 89 years, 2 months and 2 days.

Funeral at Fee Fee Baptist Church, Dec. 26, at 11:30 a. m. Interment private.

CARROLL—On Thursday, Dec. 24, at 6 o'clock a. m., ANN CARROLL, aged 62 years.

Funeral will take place from residence of her son, 623 O'Fallon street, on Friday, Dec. 25, at 2 o'clock p. m. Friends are invited to attend.

CULLETON—On Dec. 22d at 4:30 p. m., JAMES, beloved husband of Margaret Culleton.

Funeral from the family residence, 1216 North Seventeenth street, Dec. 25, at 2 p. m. to St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

DOUGHERTY—EDGAR, beloved husband of Beulah Dougherty (nee Boyd), Thursday, Dec. 24, 1891.

Due notice of the funeral will be given.

Rochester (N. Y.) and Newark (N. J.) papers please copy.

FLEMMING—On Thursday, Dec. 24, at 6 a. m., CATHERINE FLEMMING, age 47 years, relict of the late Denis Flemming, and sister of Patrick Dunn.

Funeral Sunday, Dec. 27, at 1:30 p. m., from the residence, No. 4023 Easton avenue, to St. Teresa's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.

New York, Kansas City and Green Bay (Wis.) papers please copy.
ELIZA FLEMMING,
MRS. MARY BOLLMER,
NORA FLEMMING,
KATIE FLEMMING,
Daughters.

KLEDUS—Mrs. ANNA KLEDUS, my beloved mother, died on the 7th day of December, at Vienna, Austria, at the age of 83 years. L. KLEDUS.

LAVERDURE—Mrs. PAULINE LAVERDURE, relict of the late Ferdinand Laverdure and mother of Alfred Saverdure and Mrs. Geo. W. Delany.

Funeral from the residence of her son near Ellendale to-morrow at 12 m. Carriages leave Rutter's livery stable, 2809 Easton avenue at 10 a. m., and trains leave Union Depot at 8 and 9:50 a. m.

LITTLE—Died, Dec. 24, at 2 a. m., RICHARD, beloved son of Garrett and Jane Little, age 26 years.

Funeral will take place from parents' residence, 2650 Caroline street, on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 1:30 p. m., to St. Keven's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

MEEDER—On Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 11:30 a. m., CHRISTINE VERONICA MEEDER, nee Greiner, beloved wife of Jacob Meeder, and our dear mother, after a brief illness, aged 58 years and 10 months.

Funeral will take place from family residence, 2620 South Broadway, Friday, Dec. 25, at 1:30 p. m., thence to St. Mathew's Cemetery.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend. Deceased was a member of Victoria Lodge, No. 393, Knights and Ladies of Honor.

New York city papers please copy.

MUCKERMANN—On Tuesday, Dec. 22, ANNA MUCKERMANN, nee Helmer, beloved wife of John Muckermann, and our dear mother, aged 56 years.

Funeral on Saturday, Dec. 27, at 8:30 a. m., from family residence, 3727 North Fourteenth street, to Holy Trinity Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

MULLER—On Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 8 o'clock a. m., JOHN C., beloved husband of Mary Muller, nee Reuter, aged 28 years.

Funeral will take place from family residence, 165 Sidney st., on Friday, Dec. 25, at 2 o'clock p. m. Friends are invited to attend.

SALLERFIELD—Dec. 23, 1891, ETTEA, beloved wife of Charles Sallerfield, aged 26 years.

Funeral will take place from her late residence, 2020 Primrose street, on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 1 p. m. to the Water Tower Baptist Church, thence to Bellefontaine Cemetery. Friends of the family invited to attend.

VARRELMANN—HENRY A. VARRELMANN, Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 2 p. m., in his 53d year.

Funeral will take place from late residence, 1913 La Salle street, Thurday, Dec. 24, at 2 p. m.

WHITE—Dec. 23, at 8 a. m., THOMAS WHITE of County Wicklow, Ireland, aged 63 years, beloved father of Mrs. Mary T. Hanley, Mrs. Lillie Gray and Peter White and brother of Miss D. White.

The funeral will take place Saturday, Dec. 26, from his late residence, 4244 Easton avenue, at 8:30 a. m. sharp to St. Alphonsus' Rock Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Solemn high mass of requiem.

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SENT HIS REGRETS.

Santa Claus Disappointed the Hodgen Kindergarten Pupils.

THE GOOD OLD FELLOW SENT THE CHILDREN PRESENTS, HOWEVER.

Christmas Celebrations at the Various Kindergartens—Santa Visits the Little Ones of the Penrose Kindergarten—Gifts for the Children and Their Parents—Nature of the Celebrations.

At the Hodgen School Kindergarden the whole room was thrown open to the parents of the children and the young ones themselves were decked in their Sunday best and did more to adorn the room than all the festoons and greens. The children were in a high state of expectancy as it had been rumored that Santa Claus would be around and just after recess would come in through one of the windows and give each child a present. This story was further confirmed by a tall step ladder which was in the yard under the window, and by the fact that they were rehearsed on a little song "We Welcome You, Dear Santa Claus." Time passed and the children cast uneasy glances at the window, half afraid that Santa Claus was really a myth and that they had been made the victims of a rude joke. At the time set for his appearance, Mr. Prentiss, the principal, came out and made a little speech.

"My dear children," he said, "I have just received a note here from Santa Claus with a great big bundle of presents." Mr. Prentiss held a piece of paper in his hand and read:

"My dear Mr. Prentiss—Will you please tell the children for me that I cannot visit them to-day. I am so sorry, because there is no snow, for that reason I could not get around in time. I had to visit a lot of places this morning and my sleigh got stuck in the mud two or three times. I send you the presents I was going to bring myself."

The children looked somewhat disappointed but were cheered by the sight of a big bundle which suddenly appeared at the window. Mr. Printess then told them that although Santa Claus could not visit the kindergarten in the morning he would be sure to visit all of their homes during the night and make up for lost time. This satisfied all of the children but one little girl who stood close to Mr. Prentiss. She looked at the Santa Claus letter and then at Mr. Prentiss and said: "I don't see any writing on that paper."

The principal was a little taken aback, but explained: "Oh, no, of course not, Santa Claus writes so that only grown people can see it."

The little girl accepted the explanation in silence, but looked as if she still had a lingering suspicion of fraud. The presents of little dolls, candy, etc., were distributed and soon all the youngsters were singing and playing forgetful of their disappointment. The fact of the matter was that the Santa Claus engaged was at the Webster School where he was deserted by his cab man and in consequence could not get in in time.

Over the Christmas tree was a very pretty collection of baby socks, stockings and other foot gear the children had brought from home so that their baby brothers and sisters might share in the presents and candy.

AT THE CLINTON SCHOOL.

At the Clinton School Branch the Kindergarten and one or two of the lower grade rooms celebrated Christmas with songs, recitations and other appropriate observances. The kindergarten was prettily decorated with the work of the children and a huge Christmas tree in the center. The first hour of the morning was given over to songs by the whole room in chorus about little birds and Santa Claus and other subjects fitting the occasion.

Then the tables were cleared away and the many games the children knew played for the edification of their parents.

When it was all over the children were given presents of their own making to take home.

In room 17 an elaborate entertainment was given. The children recited pieces and had dialogues and songs. The recitations were "Little Chief," by Louis Selig; "Dolly's Lullaby," by Edna Conrades; dialogue, "S… Doll," by Rosalie McDonald and F… Lungtraus; "My First Pants," by Ed… Flohr; "Adieu," by Willie Morrisey; "… Sallie," by Ada Neun; "I'm a Merry Li… Girl," by Edna Neun, and a number of others. The snow brigade of thirty-two boys gave a drill and the dolls' drill was gone through with by the class of girls.

AT THE MADISON SCHOOL.

At the Madison School Kindergarten a Froebel Christmas celebration was held, and the children came dressed in their prettiest clothes, and those who could do so brought their parents. The usual programme of class songs and games was carried out and then the presents were distributed. As the children received the little gifts made by themselves those whose parents were present carried their presents to them with a neat little speech. The others were instructed to give their work to their parents as soon as they got home. The custom of having the children give their parents presents is the idea which Froebel taught and fostered. Each one of the children had one and some more gifts of their own making to give to the grown folks.

THE PENROSE KINDERGARTEN.

The kindergarten children of the Penrose School, 2824 Madison street, received Santa Claus in gorgeous style. They determined long ago that the school was too commonplace for an entertainment befitting his dignity, and the children agreed among themselves to make a combined attack upon their parents, and oblige them to secure a hall which they considered good enough for Santa. The parents needed no urging, and at once hired the Albany Dancing Academy hall, Cass and Garrison avenues. The children and their parents assembled in the gayly decorated room this morning at … o'clock. The 104 little ones began the Christmas carol with a merry greeting. Then they sang a little hymn, and welcomed each other with "good morning dear playmates." The little ones never tired of their games, and never thought of the surprise in store for them, but went gayly on with their Christmas waltz song, "Dear Santa Claus, … Time is Almost Come." Blacksmith, skating and the dancing game passed … merry minutes away, until the music stopped, the parents looked knowing, the children held their breath, and a knock was heard at the door. In came an aged patriarch. He was clothed in the garments of the polar bear. His beard was white as snow. He saw the children and hurried to distribute the presents. It was Santa Claus and with deft fingers he stripped the Christmas tree of its treasures and gave them to the children. Mr. Ed Tiffin played the part of Santa and merited the praise of the large crowd present. Miss Mary E. Schirley directed the children in their games. She was assisted by Miss Rebecca Fitzgibbons, Miss Annie F…, Miss Ethel Degg, Miss Minnie Marble and Miss Bessie Robinson.

THE STODDARD KINDERGARTEN.

The pupils of the Stoddard School Kindergarten on Lucas and Ewing avenues were in dress parade this morning before their parents and friends, who assembled in large numbers. They sang a welcome song and chanted a pretty hymn. After that the busy fingers of the little ones made souvenirs out of card-board as if they were little fairies and had a precious wand hidden in their sleeve that did the work for them. In a moment all were up and about again with the notes of a pretty gift song warbling from their throats, they plucked the presents from the tree and gave them to their parents. Then they hied themselves away to spend a merry Christmas.

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ROADWAY
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SKELETON IN A TREE.

Supposed to Be the Remains of an Escaped Convict.

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Dec. 24.—Some woodchoppers while at work in the hills west of Tishomingo cut down a large oak tree which was partly hollow. The entrance to the hollowed portion had almost entirely grown over, leaving only a narrow slit in the tree.

When the tree fell to the ground it was split by the fall, and there, lying in the center of the broken wood, was the skeleton of a man. On one ankle was a band of iron attached to a piece of chain. From appearances the skeleton has been entombed for many years. Two of the ribs were broken, apparently by a bullet.

The supposition is that the man escaped from some prison and had fled with a portion of his manacles, and, being shot and hard-pressed, had sought refuge in the tree and there died.

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MRS. SAMUEL CORRIGAN of 142 North Grand avenue was removed to the Lunatic Asylum yesterday. Her husband, who was a steam fitter, died suddenly yesterday without medical attendance, and the news of his death unbalanced the mind of his wife.

THE artistic, sweet-toned Henry F. Miller pianos, sold by J. A. Kieselhorst, 1000 Olive.

DEATHS.

BLACKBURN—On Dec. 24, 1891, Mrs. MARY ANN BLACKBURN, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Dorsett, at Ferguson, Mo., aged 89 years, 2 months and 2 days.

Funeral at Fee Fee Baptist Church, Dec. 26, at 11:30 a. m. Interment private.

CARROLL—On Thursday, Dec. 24, at 6 o'clock a. m., ANN CARROLL, aged 62 years.

Funeral will take place from residence of her son, 623 O'Fallon street, on Friday, Dec. 25, at 2 o'clock p. m. Friends are invited to attend.

CULLETON—On Dec. 22d at 4:30 p. m., JAMES, beloved husband of Margaret Culleton.

Funeral from the family residence, 1216 North Seventeenth street, Dec. 25, at 2 p. m. to St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

DOUGHERTY—EDGAR, beloved husband of Beulah Dougherty (nee Boyd), Thursday, Dec. 24, 1891.

Due notice of the funeral will be given.

Rochester (N. Y.) and Newark (N. J.) papers please copy.

FLEMMING—On Thursday, Dec. 24, at 6 a. m., CATHERINE FLEMMING, age 47 years, relict of the late Denis Flemming, and sister of Patrick Dunn.

Funeral Sunday, Dec. 27, at 1:30 p. m., from the residence, No. 4023 Easton avenue, to St. Teresa's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.

New York, Kansas City and Green Bay (Wis.) papers please copy.

ELIZA FLEMMING,
MRS. MARY BOLLMER,
NORA FLEMMING,
KATIE FLEMMING,
Daughters.

KLEDUS—Mrs. ANNA KLEDUS, my beloved mother, died on the 7th day of December, at Vienna, Austria, at the age of 83 years. L. KLEDUS.

LAVERDURE—Mrs. PAULINE LAVERDURE, relict of the late Ferdinand Laverdure and mother of Alfred Saverdure and Mrs. Geo. W. Delany.

Funeral from the residence of her son near Ellendale to-morrow at 12 m. Carriages leave Rutter's livery stable, 2809 Easton avenue at 10 a. m., and trains leave Union Depot at 8 and 9:50 a. m.

LITTLE—Died, Dec. 24, at 2 a. m., RICHARD, beloved son of Garrett and Jane Little, age 26 years.

Funeral will take place from parents' residence, 2650 Caroline street, on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 1:30 p. m., to St. Keven's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

MEEDER—On Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 11:30 a. m., CHRISTINE VERONICA MEEDER, nee Greiner, beloved wife of Jacob Meeder, and our dear mother, after a brief illness, aged 58 years and 10 months.

Funeral will take place from family residence, 2620 South Broadway, Friday, Dec. 25, at 1:30 p. m., thence to St. Mathew's Cemetery.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend. Deceased was a member of Victoria Lodge, No. 393, Knights and Ladies of Honor.

New York city papers please copy.

MUCKERMANN—On Tuesday, Dec. 22, ANNA MUCKERMANN, nee Helmer, beloved wife of John Muckermann, and our dear mother, aged 56 years.

Funeral on Saturday, Dec. 27, at 8:30 a. m., from family residence, 3727 North Fourteenth street, to Holy Trinity Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

MULLER—On Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 8 o'clock a. m., JOHN C., beloved husband of Mary Muller, nee Reuter, aged 28 years.

Funeral will take place from family residence, 165 Sidney st., on Friday, Dec. 25, at 2 o'clock p. m. Friends are invited to attend.

SALLERFIELD—Dec. 23, 1891, ETTEA, beloved wife of Charles Sallerfield, aged 26 years.

Funeral will take place from her late residence, 2020 Primrose street, on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 1 p. m. to the Water Tower Baptist Church, thence to Bellefontaine Cemetery. Friends of the family invited to attend.

VARRELMANN—HENRY A. VARRELMANN, Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 2 p. m., in his 53d year.

Funeral will take place from late residence, 1913 La Salle street, Thursday, Dec. 24, at 2 p. m.

WHITE—Dec. 23, at 8 a. m., THOMAS WHITE of County Wicklow, Ireland, aged 63 years, beloved father of Mrs. Mary T. Hanley, Mrs. Lillie Gray and Peter White and brother of Miss D. White.

The funeral will take place Saturday, Dec. 26, from his late residence, 4244 Easton avenue, at 8:30 a. m. sharp to St. Alphonsus' Rock Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Solemn high mass of requiem.

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SENT HIS REGRETS.

Santa Claus Disappointed the Hodgen Kindergarten Pupils.

THE GOOD OLD FELLOW SENT THE CHILDREN PRESENTS, HOWEVER.

Christmas Celebrations at the Various Kindergartens—Santa Visits the Little Ones of the Penrose Kindergarten—Gifts for the Children and Their Parents—Nature of the Celebrations.

At the Hodgen School Kindergarden the whole room was thrown open to the parents of the children and the young ones themselves were decked in their Sunday best and did more to adorn the room than all the festoons and greens. The children were in a high state of expectancy as it had been rumored that Santa Claus would be around and just after recess would come in through one of the windows and give each child a present. This story was further confirmed by a tall step ladder which was in the yard under the window, and by the fact that they were rehearsed on a little song "We Welcome You, Dear Santa Claus." Time passed and the children cast uneasy glances at the window, half afraid that Santa Claus was really a myth and that they had been made the victims of a rude joke. At the time set for his appearance, Mr. Prentiss, the principal, came out and made a little speech.

"My dear children," he said, "I have just received a note here from Santa Claus with a great big bundle of presents." Mr. Prentiss held a piece of paper in his hand and read:

"My dear Mr. Prentiss—Will you please tell the children for me that I cannot visit them to-day. I am so sorry, because there is no snow, for that reason I could not get around in time. I had to visit a lot of places this morning and my sleigh got stuck in the mud two or three times. I send you the presents I was going to bring myself."

The children looked somewhat disappointed but were cheered by the sight of a big bundle which suddenly appeared at the window. Mr. Printess then told them that although Santa Claus could not visit the kindergarten in the morning he would be sure to visit all of their homes during the night and make up for lost time. This satisfied all of the children but one little girl who stood close to Mr. Prentiss. She looked at the Santa Claus letter and then at Mr. Prentiss and said: "I don't see any writing on that paper."

The principal was a little taken aback, but explained: "Oh, no, of course not, Santa Claus writes so that only grown people can see it."

The little girl accepted the explanation in silence, but looked as if she still had a lingering suspicion of fraud. The presents of little dolls, candy, etc., were distributed and soon all the youngsters were singing and playing forgetful of their disappointment. The fact of the matter was that the Santa Claus engaged was at the Webster School where he was deserted by his cab man and in consequence could not get in in time.

Over the Christmas tree was a very pretty collection of baby socks, stockings and other foot gear the children had brought from home so that their baby brothers and sisters might share in the presents and candy.

AT THE CLINTON SCHOOL.

At the Clinton School Branch the Kindergarten and one or two of the lower grade rooms celebrated Christmas with songs, recitations and other appropriate observances. The kindergarten was prettily decorated with the work of the children and a huge Christmas tree in the center. The first half of the morning was given over to songs by the whole room in chorus about little birds, and Santa Claus and other subjects fitting the occasion.

Then the tables were cleared away and all the many games the children knew played for the edification of their parents.

When it was all over the children were given presents of their own making to take home.

In room 17 an elaborate entertainment was given. The children recited pieces and had dialogues and songs. The recitations were "Little Chief," by Louis Selig; "Dolls' Lullaby," by Edna Conrades; dialogue, "Sick Doll," by Rosalie McDonald and Paul Lungrtraus; "My First Pants," by Eddie Flohr; "Adieu," by Willie Morrisey; "My Sallie," by Ada Neun; "I'm a Merry Little Girl," by Edna Neun, and a number of others. The snow brigade of thirty-two boys gave a drill and the dolls' drill was gone through with by the class of girls.

AT THE MADISON SCHOOL.

At the Madison School Kindergarten a Froebel Christmas celebration was held, all the children came dressed in their prettiest clothes, and those who could do so brought their parents. The usual programme of class songs and games was carried out and then the presents were distributed. As the children received the little gifts made by themselves those whose parents were present carried their presents to them with a neat little speech. The others were instructed to give their work to their parents as soon as they got home. This custom of having the children give their parents presents is the idea which Froebel taught and fostered. Each one of the children had one and some more gifts of their own making to give to the grown folks.

THE PENROSE KINDERGARTEN.

The kindergarten children of the Penrose School, 2824 Madison street, received Santa Claus in gorgeous style. They determined long ago that the school was too common a place for an entertainment befitting his dignity, and the children agreed among themselves to make a combined attack upon their parents, and oblige them to secure a hall which they considered good enough for Santa. The parents needed no urging, but at once hired the Albany Dancing Academy hall, Cass and Garrison avenues. The children and their parents assembled in the gayly decorated room this morning at 9:30 o'clock. The 104 little ones began the Christmas carol with a merry greeting. Then they sang a little hymn, and welcomed each other with "good morning dear playmates." The little ones never tired of their games, and never thought of the surprise in store for them, but went gayly on with their Christmas waltz song, "Dear Santa Claus, the Time is Almost Come." Blacksmith, skating, and the dancing game passed the merry minutes away, until—the music stopped, the parents looked knowing, the children held their breath, and a knock was heard at the door. In came an aged patriarch. He was clothed in the garments of the polar bear. His beard was white as snow. He saw the children and hurried to distribute the presents. It was Santa Claus and with deft fingers he stripped the Christmas tree of its treasures and gave them to the children. Mr. Ed Tiffin played the part of Santa, and merited the praise of the large crowd present. Miss Mary E. Schirley directed the children in their games. She was assisted by Miss Rebecca Fitzgibbons, Miss Annie Fogg, Miss Ethel Degg, Miss Minnie Marble and Miss Bessie Robinson.

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DYING AMONG STRANGERS.

A Prussian Countess Closing an Eventful Life in a Georgia Hospital.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec 24.—A woman who has had an eventful career is dying at the St. Joseph Hospital in this city. She is a Prussian Countess, Mein von Zeldieka, and has passed eighteen years looking for her lost son. Her story is a strange one. A little over twenty years ago the Countess von Jewitzska was one of the happiest maidens in Prussia, but political changes made her father an exile and she was forced to marry a man whom she neither loved nor respected, Von Zeldieka, an officer in the Prussian Army.

The husband abused his wife, who finally refused to live with him. He took their only son, a bright, handsome child, and left Prussia. She sold her estate and, learning that her husband was in America, followed him to this country. She could get no trace of the boy. Her husband, she learned, died several years ago, leaving the boy alone.

She wandered from city to city until her fortune was almost exhausted. Then she taught music to earn a livelihood. She was a brilliant musician and found always any number of families who were glad to have her instruct their children. In this way she managed to live comfortably in Atlanta. Now she is dying from pneumonia. She has willed all she has to the Sisters.

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A DYING WOMAN'S FREAK.

Her Money Willed to Police Officer Benjamin Langlois.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24.—Miss Mary Gavin inherited a share of her father's large fortune. A few months ago Miss Gavin fell a victim to consumption, and as her death approached her brothers and sisters began to feel solicitous about her money, which amounted to $20,000. They requested her to convey it to the family, but she refused, and while in the last stages of the disease she went out to look up an attorney.

She met a stalwart policeman, Benjamin Langlois, on the corner swinging his club, and asked the way to the lawyer. He asked her what she wanted of a lawyer, learned of her family troubles, and proposed that she marry him. She consented, and they fixed the ceremony for the next day. In twenty-four hours her disease assumed a deadly phase, and she could not leave her bed to become a bride.

Father Cashmere was sent for, but he refused to marry them. Then the policeman went for a minister, but the family refused to allow the minister or policeman to enter the house. Then the bluecoat bethought himself of a lawyer. The attorney came, but, as he could not marry them, he made Miss Gavin's will, in which she left the chance policeman her $20,000. She then died, and now the family and the policeman propose to lock horns in court over the will.

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CHIEF MAYES' SUCCESSOR.

C. J. Harris Elected by the Cherokee Council.

TAHLEQUAH, I. T., Dec. 24.—Yesterday the Cherokee Council elected C. J. Harris to the position of Principal Chief of the nation to succeed J. B. Mayes, who died last week. Harris has been prominent in Cherokee politics for the past twelve years, having served in the Senate and as a Delegate to Washington, and was only recently elected Treasurer of the Cherokee Nation. Harris was an intimate friend of the late Chief Mayes, and it is believed he will carry out Mayes' policy, which has been strong in effecting his election to the chieftaincy. Stephen Tehee, who was elected Second Chief, represents the full-blood element and served in the Senate; was a candidate for Second Chief in the last campaign, but was defeated by Henry Chambers, who died some days ago. The vacancy in the Senate, caused by Harris' election, was filled by E. G. Starr. He was a candidate for Treasurer against Harris six weeks ago, but failed to get the nomination. All the new men are followers of the late Chief Mayes.

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Deaths.

The following burial certificates were issued by the Health Department up to 3 p. m. to-day:

Samuel Keraghan, 35 yrs., 212 Morgan st.; heart disease.
Michael Groukowsky, 6 days, 1416 Cass av.; debility.
Frank Zevengrosch, 11 months, 2142 Clinton av.; pneumonia.
Ann Carroll, 60 yrs., 623 O'Fallon st.; gastritis.
Henry W. Engeling, 5 months, 3261 N. 19th st.; influenza.
Henry J. Koelkebeck, 48 yrs.; 1714 Chestnut st.; dropsy.
Herman Schunek, 40 yrs., 1405 Monroe st.; pneumonia.
John Carter, 2 yrs., 1005 Collins st.; la grippe.
Maggie McGuire, 26 yrs., 2627 Caroline st.; pneumonia.
Etta Satterfield, 26 yrs., 2020 Penrose st.; tuberculosis.
Henry Dickendick, 51 yrs., 1312 Wright st.; carbuncle.
Johann J. Herr, 37 yrs., 825 Wash st.; pneumonia.
Catherine E. Dottner, 78 yrs., 2810 N. 15th st.; bronchitis.
Johann C. Peters, 75 yrs., 2214 North Market st.; bronchitis.
Christian Leve, 61 yrs., 1846 S. Tenth st.; malarial fever.
Johann W. Schlueter, 2759 Arsenal st.; influenza.
Mary E. Russell, 36 yrs., 1231 Seventh st.; acute tuberculosis.
Ernest Engendorf, 49 yrs., 1027 Park av.; apoplexy.

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Sarah Josephson	1123 Joab st
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Mamie Diel	824 N. 15th st
A. J. Menson	4325 Gano av
Ella J. Little	1216 Wright st
John McKinley	7116 S. Broadway
Anna Lang	7116 S. Broadway
Aug Memdorf	807 Clinton st
Katharina Klein	807 Clinton st
W. G. Sheble	1033 Biddle st
Lillian C. Warden	2128 Carr st
John Miller	1443 N. 14th st
Alice Luhrs	4279 St. Ferdinand av
Philip Stapleton	6th and Morgan sts
Mary Hogan	1309 N. 16th st
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PART LOT 22—Emile A. Muth to Harvey E. De Groff; warrantee deed	3,000
PARK AV.—25 ft., s. s., between Ohio and Jefferson avs., city block 2144. Society of the Congregation of the Mission to Chas. C. Rainwater, trustee—warranty deed	1,875
WINDSOR PL.—50 ft., s. s. between Cabanne and St. Alphonsus sts., city block 2512. Edward Hudspith to Cornelius O'Donnell—warranty deed	3,000
MARCUS AV.—100 feet, w. s., n. of Page av., city block 3777, Annie F. McKay to James W. Grace, ½ interest—warranty deed	3,250
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PSYCHOMETRIST—Business and test medium; 2933½ Olive st.; 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. 74

STOVES, ranges and furnaces at reduced prices. Condon Bros., 11th and Market sts. 74

XMAS Bicycles very cheap; few revolvers, watches, right prices. Knight Cycle Co., 207 N. 10th st.

2000 OVERCOATS of every description, suits, coats and vests, pants, hats, boots and shoes, trunks, valises, musical instruments, etc.; biggest bargains in the city at Dunn's Loan Office. 74

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Advice free. H. D. O'Brien, 421 Chestnut st., St. Louis, Mo. 74

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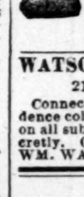
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LOST—Wednesday, Dec. 16, a pair of gold rimmed spectacles. Return to 6 S. Broadway and receive reward. 30

LOST—Terrier dog; long white hair; back a very light tan color. Return to 2018½ Wash st. and receive reward. 30

LOST—A maltese kitten, white breast and paws, and bushy tail; a good reward will be given at 1748 Waverly place. 30

LOST—If the party who found Maltese kitten on 19th st., near Olive, Tuesday evening, will return same to 1831 Olive they will receive reward. 30

LOST—Wednesday afternoon, between Ellearda, 21 S. Broadway, and Grand Opera-house, a fur collar. Reward will be paid upon its return to 3684 Finney av. 30

LOST—Or stolen, from Grand Opera-house, Wednesday matinee, Dec. 23, a wood-handle, silver-mounted, silk umbrella. Party having it, who is known, will kindly return same to the Standard Theater box-office. 30

LOST—Last Sunday, a lady's diamond pin set in platinum and gold, between Washington av. and Lucas av. on Channing av., or between Finney av. and Cook av. on Spring av. Return to 3411 Washington av. and receive liberal reward. 30

STRAYED—A black pony about 14 hands high, right fore leg slightly lame. Reward for his return to 3817 Lincoln av. 30

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

COAL—25 bushels, $2.40; by the large load. 9c per bushel, at T. F. Carroll's 2806 Franklin av.; send postal or telephone 2984. 5

FOR a fine parlor, dining-room, bed-room or kitchen clock go to Dunn's Loan Office. 5

FOR SALE—115-horse-power electric motor; also one 2-horse power at half price. 1106 Pine st. 5

L. ALTENBERND has dressed roasting pigs for sale from $1.50 to $2.00 apiece. No. 16 South French Market and No. 2 New Center Market. 5

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GUESSING CONTEST—Schulztzes' candy, stationery and cigar store, 2600 Stoddard st., shot in bottle 4,767; first prize, Miss Lillie Blakeslee, Dayton st., 4,780; second prize, M. Carmody, Biddle st., 4,781; third prize, J. L. Hemp, Carr st., 4,786; fourth prize, Miss Bertie Collins, Stoddard st., 4,789; fifth prize, Grover Holthans, Stoddard st., 4,800; total number of guesses, 11,797. 32

ST. LOUIS MUTUAL HOUSE BUILDING CO., Office No. 513 Walnut st., Samuel Simmons, Pres.; Hugo Kromrey, Sec'y. This pioneer company builds or purchases houses at option of applicants, on monthly payment plan, in St. Louis City. Prospectus at office free of charge.

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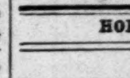
And Colton Dental Association, who introduced gas in St. Louis for extraction of teeth, have moved to 919 Olive st.; gas free. 32

HORSES AND VEHICLES.

For Sale.

FOR SALE—An elegant family horse with carriage and harness. Inquire at 3900 Washington av. 12

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WANTED—Furnished room, with or without board, for three carpenters; state price. Address J 15, this office. 20

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1706 LUCAS PL.—Nicely furnished rooms, first-class board. 18

1720 OLIVE ST.—Neatly furnished front and hall room; heat and bath; new building. 13

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2600 STODDARD ST.—Corner Jefferson av.—Large unfurnished front room, second floor, all conveniences. 13

2601 CHESTNUT ST.—2 furnished front rooms. 13

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2627 S. 10TH ST.—Handsomely furnished front room in private family. 13

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2601 CHESTNUT ST.—Or 301 N. Jefferson av.; 4-room flat. 83

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS.

NOTICE—Office of the Crescent Color Co.—The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Crescent Color Co. will be held at the company's office, 728 N. Main st., St. Louis, Mo., between the hours of 9 and 12 a. m., Jan. 2, 1892, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. W. S. MELLEN, President.
E. J. WALKER, Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE—Parties having any of my boxes and bottles in private residences, please drop me a postal and accept thanks. Respectfully, C. Damhorst, 1028 S. 12th st.

NOTICE is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the N. O. Nelson Manufacturing Co. will be held at its office at 11 o'clock a. m. on Dec. 29, 1891, to vote on the proposition to change its name from the N. O. Nelson Manufacturing Co. to Nelson & Case Manufacturing Co. N. O. NELSON, President.
J. B. CASE, Secretary.

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CHARLES A. WARNER, Receiver.

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GRAND OPERA-HOUSE—Frederick Paulding.
OLYMPIC—"The Old Homestead."
THE HAGAN—"The Two Orphans."
POPE'S—"After Dark."
HAVLIN'S—"The (New) Boy Tramp."
STANDARD—Williams & Orr's Meteors.

MATINEES TO-MORROW.

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POPE'S—"After Dark."
HAVLIN'S—"The (New) Boy Tramp."
STANDARD—Williams & Orr's Meteors.

Weather forecast for twenty-four hours beginning at 8 a. m. to-day for Missouri: Increasing cloudiness, with rain or snow to-night or Friday; southerly winds, shifting to northwesterly; decidedly colder Friday or Friday night.

The storm central yesterday in Louisiana has moved northeastward into Kentucky, causing rain southeast of a line extending from Michigan through Central Missouri to Texas. The heaviest being reported from the following stations: Memphis, 2.34 inches in twenty-four hours; Nashville, 1.28; Louisville, 1.18; Cairo, 1.16; Little Rock, 1.01. The central barometric depression central yesterday in Montana, has moved rapidly southeastward, and is now central in Western Kansas. It is being followed southeastward by an area of high pressure and cold wave accompanied by snow.

Weather forecast for St. Louis for 24 hours ending 8 a. m. to-morrow: Fair to-day in Northeast Missouri; showers in Southeast Missouri; variable winds; stationary temperature; winds becoming northwesterly Friday or Friday night, with decidedly lower temperature and probable snow.

CITIZEN MANSFIELD appears to be a reformer for revenue only.

IF you can't think of anything else or better to give her, offer your love. Girls take queer fancies sometimes.

THE least that can be expected of decent Democrats is to give Speaker CRISP and his committees a chance to show what they will and can do.

IF there is nothing to be uncovered in the Polytechnic investigation, why should it meet with so much opposition from those who participated in the transaction?

CITIZEN MANSFIELD'S work in connection with the School Board in the past does not warrant reposing confidence in his judgment as to the need of investigations.

THE attempt of Col. JONAH and "his little battered organ" to split the Democratic party can no longer be regarded as an inside effort. Both have been repudiated by good Democrats.

The SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH accepts advertising on a distinct and unequivocating guarantee that its circulation in the City of St. Louis and suburbs is more than double that of the "Republic" and larger than any other Sunday newspaper.

CONGRESSMAN JOHN J. O'NEILL is inclined to think that Speaker CRISP is steering the Democratic party towards the demnition bow-wows, but then he views his course from the standpoint of the turned-down statesmen.

APPARENTLY the only way in which the people of this city can preserve their offices from abolition by Citizen MANSFIELD is to roll them into one and invest all their dignities and salaries upon the Citizen with the title of Pooh-Bah of St. Louis.

WAR is a terrible thing under any circumstances, but it is doubly unfortunate when a great peace-loving people, such as the Americans, are forced into war with a feeble sister republic to support the blunder of a jingo administration.

EX-PRESIDENT MILLER testified in the investigation of the Polytechnic sale that he placed the rental value of the building at $15,000 a year. Yet he voted to sell it for $120,000. A little computation will show how badly Mr. MILLER figured for the interest of the public schools.

THE Democratic representatives who did not get from Speaker CRISP the places they want or thought they deserved may yet console themselves and contribute excellent service to the country. It is the privilege of every representative to co-operate with and give voluntary aid to any and all committees.

THE testimony of the members of the late School Board who voted for the Polytechnic sale is not satisfactory upon several points. It does not sufficiently explain the reason for haste and irregularity in the transaction or make clear the uselessness of attempting to get a better price for the property. The marks of a job have not yet been taken from the deal, but are rather more prominent than ever.

THE POLYTECHNIC CASE.

The men who suppose the Polytechnic investigation to be aimed at them are the very men who should not only court it but demand it as an act of justice to themselves, if they are innocent. They need not fear that the evidence will fail to acquit them if they acted throughout the transaction in good faith and with an honest purpose to make the best possible disposal of the property for the benefit of the schools.

But if this was the real truth about the matter, they should remember that giving them a chance to prove it, or at least to show that the contrary cannot be proved, is a real kindness to them.

The irregularity of a sale made so suddenly, without any reference of the matter to the proper committee, a sale for such a low price as compared with the valuation of the property by the board authorities, and with the cash price paid for a vacant lot across the street, called attention to attendant and precedent circumstances which suggested outside attempts to pack and work the board for some jobbing purpose. No large transaction could be conducted as that one was, without giving currency to ugly stories of collusion, corruption and "swag" dividends, and every incumbent of public trust should know that a public investigation is the proper and inevitable sequel to his favoring participation in any such irregular transfer of public property.

The stories privately current and the accusations privately made about this sale will be sifted and silenced by the finding of the committee if they cannot be proved. This is alike due to the public and to all parties to the transaction who may have imprudently but innocently placed themselves in the way of suspicion.

WHAT SHALL IT BE?

There is no spell in the name or season of Christmas to charm happiness and love into the heart and home. The spirit of good will and tender sympathy which it represents, although catching, does not force itself upon the unreceptive or repelling nature. Its opportunities must be grasped and its rewards won.

The essential significance of the season expresses the highest development of human nature and the greatest attainment of human society. It embraces self-sacrifice and kindly solicitude for the welfare of others, which in their ultimate definition and finest form reach the radiant heights of the universal brotherhood of man bearing rich harvests in the sunlight of divine favor. The brightest story that was ever told and the sweetest hopes and joys that mankind can know are found in the chiming bells and the merry laughter and greetings of Christmas morning; but there must be the ears to hear, the mind to comprehend and the will to respond. The promise of "peace on earth, good will to men," is only realized by those who fulfill its conditions. There are unfortunates to whom the ringing of the bells will be meaningless sounds or jangled discords, and in whom the holiday merriment will touch no responsive chords. They are those who have brightened no wistful eyes, have satisfied no yearnings, have lightened no load of misfortune, and have not kindled a spark of sympathy.

Every one puts his own meaning upon the festival, and obtains from it what he deserves. Wealth, position, influence and prosperity can not of themselves gain its highest joys and rewards. They are the blessings that attend the exercise of benevolence in its best sense.

In short, every man makes his own Christmas. What kind shall to-morrow be?

WE receive complaining letters occasionally from a sportively inclined citizen who seems to resent what he considers police discrimination in favor of negro gamblers. He tells us that their games run night and day on Eleventh street unmolested by the police, "while white men who want to gamble have to go out to Wells Station." Perhaps it is all the police authorities in his district can do to take care of the morals of its whites, or they don't care what becomes of the negroes.

THE glad tidings of peace and good-will which ought to fill the minds of all men at this season are rudely expelled to make room for rumors of war. The best news at this time would be the announcement of a peaceable and honorable settlement of all difficulties that have arisen between us and any Republic of the American sisterhood.

THE SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH contained descriptions of a great variety of unpleasant cranks, but the worst of all is the dyspeptic crank who frowns upon the innocent joys and mellowing customs of the Christmas season. He is an enemy to happiness and a disturber of society. Let him be overwhelmed with kindness and put down by merriment.

IF the Chilians "need a lesson" it is one of forbearance. No nation is better able to teach it than the most powerful and enlightened.

MR. JOHN M. WHITE is connected with the advertising department of the POST-DISPATCH with the special object of writing up the business interests of St. Louis and vicinity.

GAVE IT AWAY.

What Mr. Miller Had to Say About the Polytechnic Deal.

The Ex-President Makes Some Damaging Admissions.

THE BUILDING PAID TWELVE PER CENT ON $120,000.

A Statement Which Admits of But Two Explanations—Mr. Miller's Explanation of Why the Sale Was Rushed Through—Members Who Did Not Know What They Voted On.

Citizen Mansfield has not yet succeeded in discouraging the investigation of the Polytechnic sale and other transactions of the Miller regime in the School Board. Despite his terrible threats the committee held another long session last evening and propose to keep on holding meetings at the same place. The next one will occur next Monday evening, when Citizen Mansfield will be called to tell what he knows about the deals of the Miller Board, and his reason for trying to prejudice the inquiry by threatening to write the investigators out of town. Before the meeting began Chairman Huttig was subjected to a liberal share of good natured bantering regarding the Jury Commissioner's threat to take up his vitriolic pen and write the Chairman out of the city. Mr. Huttig took it all as a joke and seemed to enjoy the humor of the situation as well as the others. He denied the report that he had sold his planing mills and other property interests with a view to getting away before the Lord High Reformer of the Jury Commissioner's office executed his awful threat.

The other members of the committee said they liked the city and hoped that Citizen Mansfield's wrath would be appeased, without making their expatriation a condition. They were assured by acquaintances of the citizen that he did not intend to drive them out of the country, that his object was merely to mold public opinion in such a shape that the investigation would have to stop, even if necessary to arouse enough indignation to make life in St. Louis unpleasant for Chairman Huttig.

MILLER ARRIVES.

The meeting was set for 8 o'clock, and at that hour Chairman Huttig, President Miller, L. J. Holthaus and J. H. Spinning were seated around the inquisitorial table. Ex-Director Macklin was seated near Chairman Huttig's chair, having volunteered his services as a notary public to swear the witnesses. In the gathering were Directors O'Connell, Kelly, Brady, Wait and ex-Directors Dozier, Gibbons and Dutro. Ex-Director Barstow sent a note to the committee that sickness in his family prevented his attendance. He added that he would be pleased to obey any future summons.

Just as the committee was about to begin operations ex-President Miller entered rather nervously and informed Mr. Huttig that he would like to be examined first. He removed his satin-lined overcoat with some haste and hung it on a convenient hook. He then smiled and said:

"Gentlemen, I am ready."

"Will you be sworn, Mr. Miller?" asked the Chairman.

The ex-President stood up at the side of the witness chair and Assistant City Counselor Macklin jumped out of his chair and held aloft his right hand.

OBJECTED TO MACKLIN.

Mr. Miller looked at him winked his eyes, and in a clear voice said, "I object to being sworn by Mr. Macklin."

Ex-Director Macklin dropped in his chair, turned around to some of the directors and smiled.

"If you will wait, Mr. Miller, said Chairman Huttig, "Mr. Blair will administer the oath. He is a notary, and I expect him here every minute." While they were waiting Mr. Huttig asked the ex-President if he objected to being sworn by anybody. He answered that his objection was only as to Mr. Macklin.

Macklin then remarked: "I am sorry, indeed; I would certainly appreciate the honor of swearing Mr. Miller."

There was no further talk on the subject, for at this juncture Mr. Blair hurried in the room and administered the oath. Mr. Miller then took the chair and remained in it fully an hour. During that time he was asked something like one hundred and fifty questions. The bulk of his testimony was given, however, in the shape of the following statement:

MILLER TESTIFIES.

"I was a member of the School Board Aug. 8, 1890, at the time the resolution was passed for the sale of the Polytechnic building; presided at the meeting and voted for the resolution. My reasons for so doing were these: In 1888 there were many complaints of the immoral surroundings of the building, and numerous protests that the location was very improper for a school attended by young ladies and girls, and the police reported cases of attempts to entice girls attending the school into questionable places. In the second place, I examined the building thoroughly, as I am qualified to do, being in the insurance business, and found that the structure was a very dangerous one for fires—in fact a regular fire-trap. I realized the danger the children were subject to and the great risk being run in having our splendid library destroyed by fire. I was so impressed with the necessity of a change of quarters that I immediately drew up and presented to the board a resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to sell the building. This resolution passed, and a committee consisting of myself and Directors Barstow and Loler were appointed to make the sale if we could obtain a just price. We then thought the property worth $150,000. We advertised the property in a number of the daily papers for three weeks and went among real estate men and solicited an offer, but could get none. Mr. Gould sent an agent to examine the building and did make an offer for the property of $75,000 through Mr. Adam Boeck. This was in December, 1888, and in January, 1889, the committee reported to the board its inability to make a sale at a fair price and it was discharged."

MET MR. BROOKINGS.

"Some time after this four fires, one or two quite serious, broke out in the building one after another and emphasized the continued danger we were in. One day in August, 1890, I met Mr. Brookings on the street, and he asked me if the property was still for sale. I told him there was no particular effort being made, but if he wanted to make an offer I would present it to the board. At this time there was a great cry for a new High School, and in order to have it, it was necessary to first dispose of the Polytechnic. It occurred to me that, if we could get anything like a fair price, it would be good policy and to the best interest of the public schools to take it. I met Mr. Brookings afterwards and showed him through the building, really hoping that I might be able to hide some of its many defects, but he was about as quick as I was in taking in the points and expressed himself very unfavorably impressed. He compared the value of the lot with that of other corners on the street as far north as Olive. We were then aware that the opposite vacant lot had sold for some $127,000, but Mr. Brookings contended that a northwest corner lot, especially with two alleys, was at least $10,000 more valuable. He said he could make no use of the building, as it was not adapted to business purposes, and all that he could use of it was the foundation and that might not answer his purposes. He agreed to consider the matter and meet me again. In about a week he came to my office and said that, while he was not in the market buying real estate, he was willing to give the board $120,000 for the property."

THE DEAL.

"I promised to present the matter for the board's consideration, and, while I did not let him know it, I considered the price offered a very fair one, considering all things, and was anxious to see the sale go through for the welfare of the schools. I spoke to two or three of the members about the offer, and they agreed with me. on the night of the board meeting, I asked Mr. Barstow if he would introduce the resolution. He consented and did so, reading the resolution in his usual loud and distinct voice. At the conclusion of the reading I announced: 'You have heard the reading of the resolution, are there any remarks?' There being no remarks, I put the question, both affirmative and negative, and it was unanimously adopted. There was nothing quiet about the passage of the resolution. It was not reported by the Land and Leasing Committee, simply because the members of the board were fully informed about the value of the property, it having really been on the market for eight years.

"No suspension of rule 89 was required because it was not reported by the committee. Everything was done in order and open and aboveboard. Mr. Macklin and Dr. Bartholdt and one or two others were on a high horse that night, and if they did not hear it was their own fault. The sale was made, not the next morning after the resolution was passed as has been stated, but on Thursday, two days afterwards. I notified Mr. Brookings of the passage of the resolution, and he paid down $10,000 and later $10,000 more, giving his note for the remaining $100,000 to run till next September. As we were to have possession of the building till then and he to keep the building insured to our benefit in the sum of $35,000, to meet any expense of rent for new quarters in case of fire, it was agreed that his note should draw no interest."

THOUGHT IT BUNCOMBE.

"I do not know of any person being benefited directly or indirectly by the sale of the building. No commissions were paid to any third party. I heard Mr. Macklin make his offer of $135,000 in the next meeting of the board and did not consider it because I regard it as simply buncombe. The board could have taken it if they saw fit and Mr. Brookings himself was willing to accept that amount. I declined to consider Mr. Macklin's motion to reconsider, because such motions are required to be made at the same session the original matter is acted upon. I might say also that I considered Mr. Macklin's offer much as I would if some person without capital would offer $40,000 for the Eads Bridge. I would consider it mere buncombe."

"Again let me say that Mr. Brookings told us to get $130,000 or more for the property if we could, even after he had made his offer."

DECLINED TO ANSWER.

"Who did Mr. Fielding Mansfield represent in the quo warranto proceedings to oust the Aulerites?" asked President Bartholdt.

"I must decline to answer your question," he said. "I will only testify as to matters connected with the Polytechnic matter. The court proceedings come under a different head. I have only answered your questions, Mr. Bartholdt, because you are President of the Board. I don't consider you a member of this committee," he said with some display of feeling.

"Mr. Miller," replied President Bartholdt, "I have a solemn duty to perform in these premises that I do not particularly enjoy, and that is why I ask you these questions."

Chairman Huttig asked Mr. Miller as a business man if he considered the sale of the Polytechnic a business-like affair, and he insisted that he did, and that he and his colleagues had made every effort to make the best sale under the circumstances.

OVER A YEAR ELAPSED.

In reply to another question, Mr. Miller admitted that the property had not been advertised for sale after the discharge of the committee appointed to look for purchasers. This established the fact that a year and several months had elapsed between the publication of the last advertisement and the close of the Brookings deal. Still Mr. Miller insisted in his testimony that "Everybody knew the property was for sale." On this point the witness was subjected to a lively examination by Messrs. Huttig, Blair, Holthaus and Spinning.

"What was your estimate of the rental value of this building?" asked Mr. Holthaus.

"We figured out that it ought to bring $15,000 per annum.

"Don't you think $120,000 was a poor price for such a property?" again asked Mr. Huttig.

"Well, it was the best we could get, and we wanted to get out of this locality for the reasons I have given, and also because we needed this money for the new High School."

Mr. Miller again repeated that the building was a fire trap and spoke of the precautions that had been taken to protect the pupils on the upper floor in the event of fires. The examination elicited the fact that the fires might have occurred in other buildings as most of them originated from common causes.

MADE THE TERMS EASY.

The next feature of Mr. Miller's examination went over the conditions of the sale. The questions brought out the fact that $20,000 had been paid and that Mr. Brookings' note for $100,000 without interest was due next September. Directors Huttig, Spinning and Holthaus, who have had considerable experience in buying real estate, all agreed that it was a most desirable arrangement all around for Mr. Brookings.

"It was a splendid option for Mr. Brookings," was Mr. Huttig's remark.

Mr. Spinning said he would like to be able to make his realty purchases on such conditions and Mr. Holthaus also had some comments to make that were not of a pleasant character to the Chief Engineer of the Polytechnic sale.

As he was about to leave the witness stand Mr. Miller said: "Anything else I can tell you? I come here to testify about this sale and also about a furnace alleged to have been placed in my house, but I've never seen it." Mr. Miller seemed in a hurry at the outset to be examined first, so that he could leave, but at the close of his testimony he took a seat in the room and remained an interested auditor until the committee went into executive session, which was between 10 and 11 o'clock.

INDORSED MILLER.

Ex-Director John M. Dutro was the next witness called to the chair. His examination took but a few minutes for the reason that he was not a member of the board when the sale was made. He testified that when he became a member of the board he undertook an investigation of the ugly things that had been said about the Polytechnic sale. His conclusion was that the transaction was straight and that the property brought a fair price.

Ex-Director L. D. Dozier was examined next. There was a tinge of sarcasm in his reference to the investigation. He said he was absent from the city when the sale was made, but that he felt it his duty to come before the committee in justice to Mr. Miller, whom he said was more sinned against than sinning. He also said that the committee seemed to be harder after Mr Miller than anybody else.

"I am after nobody," interrupted Mr. Blair. "All I want is the facts." The other members of the committee also corrected Mr. Dolzer on this point. Continuing, the witness said that while a member of the Land and Leasing Committee years ago he tried to get a good offer for the property, but had failed. In conclusion he said that if there had been any rascality in connection with the sale he wanted it exposed, and he thought Mr. Miller did also.

Director John Brady said he did not remember whether he was in the board-room when the sale was made or not. The record was marked absent when the resolution was declared adopted by President Miller. He told of meeting President Miller before the board meeting that evening. Mr. Miller then told him that he had an offer in his pocket of $120,000 for the building. The witness thought the property worth $250,000 at the time and had no idea that any such proposition would ever be entertained. It was two days after the meeting that he learned of the sale.

Director O'Connell said he voted for the resolution and knew what he was voting for at the time. He agreed with President Miller that the building was a fire trap and entirely unfit for the purposes for which it had been used for so many years. He also said that the resolution was read in a sufficiently loud tone for everybody in the room to hear. His objections to the building were given in detail and they agreed with those given by ex-President Miller.

DID NOT UNDERSTAND IT.

Director P. J. Kelly said he voted for the resolution, but did not know that the building was to be sold so hastily. He thought it was a good plan to sell the building, but when the resolution was adopted he thought it would be one, two or three months before the sale would be consummated. His testimony supported the claim that the resolution was rushed through with such haste that few realized that the property was to be sold forthwith for such a figure.

At the conclusion of Mr. Kelly's testimony the board went into executive session and agreed upon a list of witnesses to be summoned for next Tuesday. Among the number is Fielding Mansfield, the officious Jury Commissioner, who has been threatening the investigators.

Temperance Crusaders.

MADISON, Ind., Dec. 24.—The female temperance crusaders of the village of Charlestown, Clarke County, have forcibly expelled Simeon Robinson, the owner of a quart saloon. They gathered in front of his groggery Tuesday evening and ordered him to leave at once under pain of personal violence. He was ready at 10 o'clock and they hastened his speedy exit from town with whips which they laid upon his shoulders.

BIG BIDS EXPECTED.

Sprinkling Contractors Will Raise Their Prices This Season.

THEY CLAIM COMMISSIONER HOLMAN INCREASES THEIR EXPENSES.

Electric Wire Superintendent Andrew J. O'Reilly Preparing a Bill to Regulate the Troublesome Little Messenger Companies—Baby Carriages and the Bicycle License Bill.

The bids for sprinkling are going to be higher this season than they were last. The contractors have talked it over and decided that. They can easily fix the figures now, because, although there is on the surface no combination among the contractors, the business is practically in the hands of a very few men. It requires money to undertake a city contract, and nobody can afford to bid on one unless he has a few thousand dollars. The bidders have to buy horses and oats, give a bond, and have enough money, besides, to keep their outfits going between pay-days. N. C. Pohlman and Pat O'Connell are the most enfluential of the sprinklers. What they say is gospel to the other sprinklers. Pollman is at the head of them all. He has a big coal business in North St. Louis, and he uses his men and teams in that during the winter. When he sets the figures for sprinkling all the rest of the sprinklers take the hint.

Contractor Pollman tells a POST-DISPATCH reporter that he barely got out even last season on his sprinkling, and he is going to put his bids a notch higher this time. This means, of course, that all of the sprinklers will do the same thing.

"Many a man lost money on the sprinkling contracts last season," said the sprinkling boss, "and this season I am going to put up my bid to a point where I'll either make a fair profit or get no contracts. Last season I put my bids very low. I hadn't as much experience as I have now. One man went a little lower than I did on a district I wanted, and he lost money on it from the day he started to sprinkle. I was anxious to know how he would manage, for I knew I had put my price down pretty far, so I drove over his district one day. He met me and tried to sell out to me. 'No, sir,' I said, 'I don't do business that way. You went in here at such a price that nobody could make any money, and now, by jingo, you'll have to stand it.'"

Pollman is a tall, well-made man of about 40, who talks impetuously and gives one the impression of independence and straight-forwardness. He continued his talk by complaining that so much had been said about sprinklers' rings that people in town had got the impression that they were a set of robbers who could put up prices as high as they pleased.

"Not only is the city getting its sprinkling by those contracts 100 per cent cheaper than it used to be done, but Water Commissioner Holman is attending to his part of the business so closely that the sprinklers are actually equipping the town with new fire plugs for nothing," said he. "That's where the shoe pinches us now. The fire department uses the sprinkling plugs, and they are much more likely to damage them than the sprinklers, because they are always in a hurry, of course, but the sprinklers have to pay for the repairs. I have paid the city $2,500 myself to repair plugs. That is an injustice. The plugs in the city when the sprinkling began were all old-fashioned. The new ones we pay for are the best Holman can put in. That's well enough for the city, but it's rough on us. I have been advised by lawyers that the money we have paid for the repair of plugs which we didn't break could be recovered by law. These deductions for plugs cut down our profits greatly and they are something you can't figure on at all. You never know what they are going to be till Holman reports. Of course they make the sprinkling bids higher."

Sprinkling Supt. W. L. Johnson said: "I have heard nothing about any combine among the sprinklers, but I have understood that they were going to put up their bids high enough to cover the deductions made for plugs.

"It must be remembered," Supt. Johnson continued, "that there is no danger of a successful combine among the sprinklers for the purpose of extortion. The Board of Public Improvements watches the bids, and if they are out of reason the Board can refuse to accept them."

Delegate Clark's Electric Light.

Delegate P. H. Clark came out of the office of Electric Light Superintendent A. J. O'Reilly this morning with a smile on his face.

"I promised some of the people in my ward to get them an electric light as a Christmas present," said he, "and O'Reilly is going to send up and have the light swung right away."

He went down-stairs, stepping proudly. In a few minutes Supt. O'Reilly darted out of his office and went all over the hall hunting the Delegate. In his hand he held the petition the Assemblyman had brought him. Without it the light can't be put up. Delegate Clark had left the number of the block blank, and probably had intended to get it from O'Reilly and put it in, but had gone away forgetting it. The superintendent came back to his office and threw the petition in a drawer.

"All I can tell you it is that the people who want it live in the thirty hundreds on La Salle and Hickory street," said he. "I can't give any orders about putting up the lights until Clark comes back here and gives me the block number."

So the Delegate's constituents will do without their Christmas present after all.

After the Messenger Companies.

Addrew J. O'Reilly, Superintendent of the city's Electric Wire Department, says that as soon as the bill putting the location of poles into the hands of the Assembly is passed he will have another bill introduced regulating the small express and messenger companies. Those companies are growing rapidly, extending their wire system every day and are entirely without the control of the city officers. "It would be contrary to the public good to allow them to continue so," Supt. O'Reilly said. "They employ linemen, run their wires along our buildings without asking permission, and often cause fires that might be prevented if their wires were properly placed. They give no bond and are thus without responsibility to the city, while the other wire companies give a big bond."

Baby Carriages and Bicycles.

Chairman Nelson Cole says he will summon the wheelman of the city before the Council Committee on Ways and Means early next month to express their opinion on the bill putting a license tax of $1 on bicycles. "It strikes me," said their man Cole to-day, "that if the wheels are to be taxed, the little ones should be made to pay as well as the big ones. They are certainly the nuisance of the two. Then, how about baby carriages? They occupy the sidewalks and interfere with pedestrians. If you tax the little bicycles you must tax the baby carriages logically. But I suppose all the parents in town would come down to the Council by thousands if we undertook to do that, and they will object quite as much to the taxing of the boys' bicycles. However, we will hear everybody that is interested in the bill before we report it."

Hunting Up Relatives.

Every year at the approach of the holidays numerous letters are received by Chief Harrigan from all parts of the country in which he is asked to locate relatives and friends of the writers who are supposed to be living in St. Louis. This morning the Chief heard from Wm. Crossett of Grand Crossing, Ill., who wishes to find his father, Thos. Crossett. He has not heard from him for years, and when he last wrote to his son he was living at the City Hotel.

Miss Laura Harrison of 436 West Walnut street, Louisville, Ky., writes to the Chief and asks him to find her brother, John, who left his home in Columbus, Miss., twenty-one years ago. He was last heard from in St. Louis.

FOUND A FORTUNE.

Pots of Gold and Silver Discovered Under an Old Smoke-House.

John F. Holman, Jr., has fallen heir to a pot of money, besides a nice bit of real estate at Twenty-third and Market streets.

John F. Holman was an old settler in St. Louis, and over forty years ago bought a piece of ground in what was then almost a wilderness. Here he struggled along for some time and married a wife who was a great help to him. By economy and thrift he saved money and built a brick house of two stories. An only son was born thirty-nine years ago and was named after his father. As the fortunes grew more favorable Mr. Holman put up additional buildings until two large houses, which rented well as tenements, were complete. Here he, his wife and their son lived in peace and happiness for many years, until the son married and went away.

About twenty years ago the old man's wife died, and he went into a life of seclusion after the wedding of his son. The old man lived in a single room, and rented the rest of the two houses except an old smoke-house which he had used when his wife was alive. This smoke-house he guarded all day with jealous care and spoke of it to no one but Charles Kern, a neighboring saloon keeper, for whom he had a great friendship. A few days ago the old man fell ill and sent for his son, who dutifully came and made easy the last days of his old father who, before he die told him all about the property, and then told him to dig up the old smoke-house where he would find more money than he could carry.

The son paid but little attention at the time to the instructions about the smoke-house, but a few days ago consulted with Mr. Kern on the subject and then they decided to make the search. After an hour's digging they found an old iron stewpot filled with gold and silver money. It was put in a wagon and taken to the bank and there found to contain $3,030.

Mr. Holman, the heir, lives with his wife and a large family of children at Twenty-third and Howard streets and works every day at his trade as a carpenter.

WOULD NOT BE DARED.

So Miss Sara Gaskell Married Constantine Darrow and Is Now Sorry.

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The fact was also brought out that her husband had agreed not to defend a divorce suit against him if she brought one. This looked very much like collusion between husband and wife to secure a divorce for the latter and besides Judge Withrow wasn't sure that the case was not out of his jurisdiction. The husband lives in St. Joseph and Mrs. Darrow came here only last October from another State. The Judge took the matter under advisement. Mrs. Darrow's parents did not know the girl was married until a few months ago. She is now taking music lessons here in St. Louis with the intention of becoming a music teacher.

Got Their Christmas Salaries.

All the employes of the State Grain Inspection Department are rejoicing to-day. Yesterday afternoon they were all summoned in Chief Inspector Joseph M. O'Shea's office, and every one of the twenty-nine were on hand expecting that something startling was going to happen. They found the Chief Inspector writing out checks for their December salaries and they were all paid in full up to Jan. 1. They appreciated the Inspector's action and tendered him a vote of thanks. This is the first time the men in this Department have been paid before their salaries were due. The State Inspection Department is a free office, receiving no appropriation from the State Government. This is why the Inspector was able to pay the men in advance of the regular pay day, which occurs on the first day of each month.

More Rebukes for Col. Jonah.

From the Illinois State Register.

The St. Louis *Republic* is apparently trying to compete with the *Globe-Democrat* in doing damage to the Democratic party, and it will have to be admitted that it is already a good second in the contest. But the Democratic party will manage to survive.

From the Chillicothe (Mo.) Constitution.

We regret to observe a disposition in some quarters, and by Democrats, to pursue Hatch, Springer and McMillin because they became candidates for Speaker, and to criticise with severity the Democratic members of the House who voted for them.

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From the Liberty (Mo.) Tribune.

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From the Louisiana Press.

Luke Emerson of Bowling Green arrived from Spain Friday with forty-four fine Spanish jackasses. This is the largest importation into Missouri since Col. Jones came West and took charge of the St. Louis *Republic*.

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READER.—No snow fell in this city on the dates specified.

BAD BOY.—More careful observances of the rules of diet will probably remedy your complaint.

SUBSCRIBER.—Properly speaking Christmas Eve is the evening before Christmas, and not the entire day.

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Mrs. Ellen Clark, who has been visit Mrs. Glasgow, is now visiting Mrs. Jeff Cl at Normandy.

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Miss Morehouse has arrived from Tennes to visit her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Sampson.

Mrs. Michaels of Kansas City is spend the holidays with Mrs. M. Michaels of Pine street.

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Miss Norton of Carlyle, Ill., is visiting M Marie Lucas.

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Mr. Guy Warren has returned from Princeton for the holiday season, and his younger brother has returned from his military school. They are with their mother, Mrs. Annie Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. George Castleman will leave in January to spend the remainder of the season upon their ranch near San Antonio. They will be accompanied by their adopted daughter, Miss Margot Postlewaite.

Mr. Charles Bailey, Jr., who has been spending the past two or three months in New York, has gone to San Antonio to spend the winter. Quite a little colony of St. Louisans will spend the winter there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Robbins Powe have returned from a charming bridal tour through the south and are with her mother, Mrs. Annie Warren, on Washington avenue. They will make a flying little visit to Chicago early in January.

Miss Della Mullins who has been with her sister, Mrs. Crozier of St. Ange avenue for several weeks has returned to her home at Madison, Ind., to spend the holiday season. She will probably return to St. Louis in the spring.

Mrs. Belle Castleman Carroll, who has been very seriously ill of the grip for the past month is recovering slowly, but is still unable to leave the house. She was prevented by it from making her contemplated visit to Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Holland arrived last week from New Mexico, to spend the holiday season with St. Louis friends. They are guests of Miss Mary Queen at her home in the South Side, No. 1111 Mississippi avenue, and will only be in the city for a short season.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Waters will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Potter of Des Moines. Early in January they will go to Washington City to spend a month, and will be joined there by her mother, Mrs. Potter. Afterward they will go to New York.

An engagement of more than usual interest has just been announced, that of Miss Mimi Flanagan to Mr. McCord of St. Joe, the marriage to be celebrated in January. This will be quite a surprise to the fair fiance's many admirers, for she is one of the most popular belles ever known in St. Louis society.

Mrs. Huntington Smith, assisted by Mrs. Kate G. Broaddus, is making active preparations for her musicale, which she will give the latter part of the year. A very fine programme has been arranged, and the numbers are now in rehearsal. Several of the best local artists have been engaged to take part.

Mrs. Dillard and family have joined Prof. Dillard in New Orleans, where they are fully established in housekeeping. Prof. Dillard having accepted a position in the Tulane University after leaving Mary Institute, at the close of the last term, having filled the office of President for two years most acceptably.

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DEPARTURES.

Mrs. E. S. Barker has gone to California to spend the winter with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bates have gone to Hot Springs for the benefit of the baths.

Mrs. George F. Bruce and son will leave early in January to spend a couple of months in California.

Mrs. F. Y. Bergs has gone to Little Rock to visit her sister, Mrs. H. P. Johnson.

Miss Mildred Bell has gone to spend the holiday season with her sister, Mrs. H. P. Johnson.

Miss Mary Darvsel has gone to spend a week with the Misses Papin at their country home.

Miss Mollie L. Devoel has gone South to spend the holiday season.

Miss Ernst has returned to New Orleans after a pleasant visit to Miss Nellie Stockton.

Mr. Richard Ennis has gone to Louisville, called thither by the death of his wife's mother.

Miss Fannie Graham has returned to her home at Leavenworth, Kan., after a pleasant visit of two months to the Misses Rex.

Madame Charlotte Hoffman has gone to spend the holiday season with her friend Mrs. Arthur Morher.

Mrs. Fred Lewis and her daughter Miss Virginia Lewis have returned home after a short visit to St. Louis friends.

Mrs. E. M. Loose who has been visiting her sister Mrs. J. D. Crabb, has returned home.

Miss Meenis, the pretty Virginia girl who has been visiting her cousin Mrs. Edmund T. Blair, has returned to her home in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Miss Emily Maffiet has gone to Hot Springs to join her sister.

Miss Belle Martin has gone to Tuscon, Ariz., to spend the remainder of the season.

Mrs. C. G. Norris has returned to her home at Aspen, Colo., after a pleasant visit to her mother.

Miss Helen Phelps left this week to spend the remainder of the season in Carthage with old friends.

Miss Jennie Rogers, after a pleasant visit to St. Louis friends, has returned home.

Miss Annie Scotton left on Wednesday evening to spend the holiday season in Memphis.

Mrs. Col. George Swallow has returned home after a short shopping visit to St. Louis.

Mrs. Paul Tupper will leave early in January to visit her relatives in Mobile.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Taylor have gone to New York to spend Christmas with their daughter, who is attending school there.

GOSSIP.

Mr. Dan Russell is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. S. I. Stone is still sick and unable to leave her house.

Mrs. E. L. Goltetein left for the East to spend the holidays.

Mr. Frank West is home for the holiday season. He returned on Monday.

Mr. Marc Ewing has returned home for the Christmas holidays from college.

Mrs. Mortimer Taylor is able to be out again after a very long and tedious illness.

Miss Irma Nelson will prolong her visit to her Cincinnati relatives until after the holidays.

Mrs. Charles H. Bailey has been quite ill with the grip and is still unable to leave the house.

Mrs. Moses Rumsey, after spending a month in Lower California, is home again with her family.

Miss Edith Rexford, who is with her aunt, Mrs. Samuel Gaylord, will be one of next season's debutantes.

Mrs. Frank Blair, Sr., has been quite ill during the past few days, afflicted with the prevailing malady.

Miss Ward, modiste of 3561 Olive, is selling her surplus stock at cost previous to leaving for Paris in January.

Mr. J. N. Edwards is expected to arrive in St. Louis on Sunday to spend a fortnight with St. Louis friends.

Mrs. George M. Bothe of 3510 Franklin avenue, formerly of Compton avenue, is at home to her friends on Monday.

Miss Tincie Simmons, a beautiful young girl from Webster Groves, is spending a few days with Mrs. Philippine Overstoiz.

Miss Minnie Abbott's engagement to Mr. Frank L. Udell is announced. She is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. E. W. Knott.

RETURNS.

Miss Kate Alexander is home again after spending a fortnight with Mrs. J. G. L. Harvey of Kansas City.

Mrs. Kate G. Broaddus has returned from a little visit to the family of her son at Lebanon, Ill.

Miss Marie Bond has returned from a pleasant little visit to friends in Kansas City.

Miss Clyntie Evans of Compton Hill, has returned from a visit to friends at Leavenworth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Faithorn have returned from a little visit to Chicago.

Mrs. H. G. Fleming, has returned to the city after an extended visit through Virginia.

Mr. F. G. Farrell, and his daughter Miss Annie Farrell have returned from a three months tour of Europe. They were accompanied by Miss Bergen.

Miss Fannie Gunn has returned from a visit of a week to her friend Miss Danrar.

Miss Effie Hickman has returned from a visit of a few days to Mrs. R. B. Esler.

Miss Dorie Johnson has returned from a tour of the West.

Mrs. R. H. Johnson has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Theodore Harper, at Emporia, Kan. She is now residing on Park Ave., opposite Lafayette Park.

Mrs. J. R. McBeth is expected home from a visit to her relatives in North Carolina.

Mr. Will Lawton, who has been spending two months in Colorado, has returned home.

Mrs. H. D. Mann has returned from a visit of several months to New York, where she devoted her time chiefly to her art studies.

Miss Margaret McCullough has returned from a fall tour of Old Mexico.

Mr. Ira Bicker has returned from a visit of two months to Colorado.

Mrs. Dr. Steadman has returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Rutledge.

Mrs. J. J. Sylvester has returned from a visit to her sister at Duquoin, Ill.

Miss Bulah Sanderson, who has been making a tour of Old Mexico, has returned, and is at present visiting friends in Fayette, Mo.

Miss Carrie Way, who has been visiting friends in the interior of the State, has returned home.

Miss Lizzie Wilde has returned from a visit to Miss Abbie Jones.

Mr. Louis Werner has returned from a tour of Europe.

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Lodge Elections.

Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar, elected the following officers for the year: Lewis Sickers, C. G.; Christ Moershell, Generalissimo; John A. Sloan, Captain-General; Wm. R. Stubblefield, Prelate; C. E. Lewis, S. W.; S. P. Keyes, Treasurer; H. M. L. McEwen, Recorder; F. H. Kriteneyers, Sword Bearer; Thos. Wand, L. B.; A. F. Weske, W.; Wm. Walsh, Captain-General.

Pride of the West Lodge, No. 179, A. F. & A. M., installed the following officers at the last meeting: John H. Metzler, W. M.; G. A. Springmeyer, S. W.; J. E. Eggenburg, J. W.; Walter Pfeifer, Treasurer; John A. Sloan, Secretary; C. C. Armstrong, S. D.; S. D. Collins, J. D.; Joseph Triay, S. L.; F. A. Dustin, J. L.; Wm. Ashton, Chaplain; G. H. Rufurstahl, Tyler; Chas. Steuman, E. W. League, Board of Relief.

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In Need of Assistance.

Mrs. Anna Bond, a widow, 65 years of age, is living in destitute circumstances at 6617 Mitchell avenue. She is said to be worthy of assistance.

Mrs. Pauline Schepp, living at 1538 Austin street, is reported by the police to be in destitute circumstances and suffering for the necessities of life. Her husband became insane fifteen months ago and was placed in the Insane Asylum, leaving her to support five children, the oldest of 12 years of age and the youngest a baby 1 year old. She has maintained herself and large family for nearly two years by her own labors, but her health gave way under the strain and she is now almost helpless. She is said to be very deserving of support.

Mrs. Walker, a widow 40 years of age, living at 708 North Third street, is reported to be sick and in destitute circumstances. She has been supporting her four young children for the past few years by hard effort, and is now sick and unable to work. The children are suffering for food and are without clothing and fuel. She is said to be worthy of any charity that may be bestowed upon her.

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An old man, claiming to be a repairer of jewelry, watches and other small pieces of mechanism, called at Alfred Wide's residence, No. 2829 Howard street, yesterday morning and was permitted to repair a clock. He charged 50 cents for his labor, and because the housewife objected to the charge he walked off with the clock. He is supposed to be the same old man who has been going about in the residence quarters of the city and carrying off articles of jewelry given him by trusting housekeepers to repair. He fails to return the jewelry or bric-a-brac and has betrayed many trusts. The police are looking for the character, as many complaints are received about him.

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For St. Ann's Asylum.

Very Rev. F. V. Nugent, C. M., President of St. Vincent's College, Cape Girardeau, will lecture at the Exposition Music Hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, for the benefit of St. Ann's Infant Asylum, 1226 North Tenth street, on "Marriage and Divorce." St. Malachy's Literary Society will give the drama "The Wanderer's Return."

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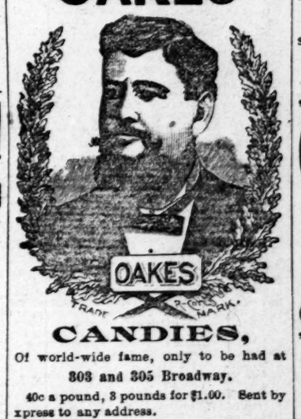

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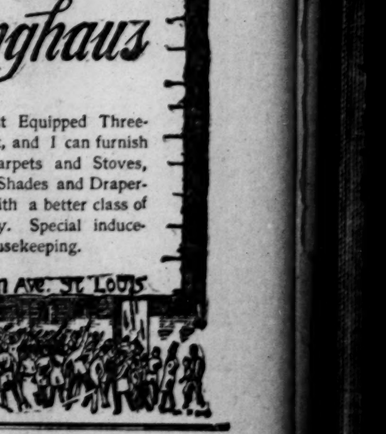

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FRIENDS CONFUSED.

Mrs. Annie Swart Obtained a Divorce on the Grounds of Desertion.

THE POPULAR LADY'S FRIENDS SAY THAT HER HUSBAND HAD DIED.

Others Say They Have It From Her Own Lips, Prior to Her Departure With Her New Husband, That Mr. Swart, Who Was Tender and Kind, Is Now Insane—Misunderstandings.

The efforts of the court officials and Mrs. Annie Swart's lawyer to conceal the lady's divorce proceedings seem all the more remarkable in the light of the latest developments. The fact of the filing of the suit last August was withheld from the public, as was also the granting of the divorce Dec. 10, and neither would have been made public but for the marriage last Tuesday of Mrs. Swart to Mr. Frank Oroff, her manger in the publication in which she is interested. A number of her St. Louis friends supposed that she was a widow, as they say she had repeatedly told them as much, and were much surprised to learn of the divorce proceedings. One lady indeed, is still sanguine that the papers have made a mistake in reporting Mrs. Swart as having obtained a divorce from her first husband. "Why," said the lady this morning, "Mr. Swart has been dead these three years. How do I know it? Well, I know it. I'm positive. No, Mrs. Swart didn't tell me, but I saw him myself after he was dead right here in St. Louis. Did he die here? I don't know anything about that, but I do know that he was in an insane asylum out West and that I saw him here at an undertaker's when his body was being shipped to the East. No, I never saw him before, but I know that that was his body, and I can't tell you how I know it but I know it. He was a very fine looking gentleman I should judge from what I have heard and from what I saw of him there. He was sent to the insane asylum from this city about four years ago and was in the asylum about a year before he died. He used to live here in St. Louis with her and my understanding is that they were living together here at the time he was sent to the asylum."

The lady asked that her name not be used in the publication of the interview, as she desired to avoid the unpleasant notoriety the publication of her name might give her. She seemed to be a warm friend of Mrs. Swart, now Mrs. Orff, however, and said that the lady was one of the noblest women she ever met. She always had an ear for any tale of sorrow or distress and would go down in her pocket and show her sympathy in a substantial way. She was once in Mrs. Swart's employ, she said, and the lady had paid her not only her salary but extra money besides.

Mrs. John Upton is another of a number of people who supposed Mrs. Orff was a widow. They attended Martin's Short-hand School together five years ago this winter, said Mrs. Upton this morning, and according to the latter Mrs. Swart, as she was then, told her that her husband was in an insane asylum at that time. A few months ago Mrs. Young met her again, for the first time to have a conversation with her in two or three years, and on this occasion Mrs. Young was informed, she says, that Mr. Swart had died. This conversation took place, Mrs. Young says, at Mitchell's restaurant and they were taking lunch together at the same table. They met there by accident. Mrs. Young says there can be no mistake that Mrs. Swart told her on that occasion that her husband was dead.

Mrs. Maria Johnson, of the *Spectator*, said this morning that she, too, had been informed that Mrs. Swart's husband had died and was under that impression for some time. The last report, however, was that he was in an asylum. Mrs. Johnson spoke very highly of Mrs. Orff and said that she deserved a great deal of credit for her energy and enterprise. She was such a good solicitor of advertising for her paper that that she was going to pay for her fine new residence in advertising. All of the contractors except one had agreed, she understood, to take their pay in advertising, and that one was the man that dug the cellar. He would take nothing but hard cash.

Mrs. E. B. James is another of Mrs. Orff's confused friends and admirers. As to Mrs. Swart's first husband, the one from whom she was divorced, she understood that he was still living and was in an insane asylum at Albany, N. Y., where Mrs. Orff formerly lived. She never heard of his being in an asylum anywhere else. He was placed there by his own brother, Mr. Swart of Chicago, who is a successful business man in that city. Mrs. Orff's maiden name was Yule, and her parents lived at Albany.

Mrs. James spoke in the highest terms of Mrs. Orff, and hoped that the papers would not say any more about her divorce.

Another lady seen in regard to the matter said that Mrs. Swart had on more than one occasion spoken very highly of her husband to her and represented him almost as an ideal husband up to the time he lost his mind. He treated her affectionately and provided well for her and she had a happy home until she awoke one day to the realization of the fact that her husband was not in his right mind. Their property was now in such a condition, owing to his mental disorder, that she was left almost penniless when he was taken to the insane asylum.

Every one of Mrs. Orff's acquaintances seen this morning had only words of praise for her and all were certain that she had done nothing that would reflect upon her in the least if all the facts were known.

The divorce was asked for and granted on the ground of desertion. The petition stated that the plaintiff was married to Edward R. Swart, June 13, 1877, and that they lived together until June 20, 1886, when her husband deserted.

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DOMINION TARIFF.

Inter-Colonial Relations Strained by the New Excise.

ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland, Dec. 24.—The Harbor Grace *Standard*, referring to the situation between Canada and Newfoundland, says: The strained relations brought on in the recent tariff issue have given the great question of confederation its coup de grace and have laid to rest the political phantom which of late had again begun to haunt the anti-confederates in the colony. Seriously, we may reasonably think that Canada could well afford to exercise forbearance a little longer and abide the outcome of the appeal so recently made to the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council. We have some respect for protective tariffs, but with the policy of retaliation we are not in sympathy. We cannot at this distance understand how Canada's revenue may be increased or Canadian fishermen benefited to any appreciable extent this season by the imposition of duties on our fish exports. Cargoes now being shipped hence to Halifax, as well as those in transit, will be entered at the port in bond for reshipment to West Indian markets without loss to shippers here or gain to the Canadian revenue, and as to fish frozen, pickled or boneless sent to the Dominion it is yet one of the mysteries of trade, whether shippers in this colony or consumers in Canada will pay advanced duties. The effect of this regulation will, we must admit, be in some degree beneficial to the people of Cape Breton and Nova Scotia. In Brad d'Or Lake fish of several descriptions abound during the winter, and the railway system in Canada connects with this extensive inland sea. To this industry the reduction of our exports will give no little impetus.

The *Evening Journal* of St. Johns says: The other day we referred to the fact that American fishermen who come to our bays for herring smuggle large quantities of goods to the detriment of our revenue and of Newfoundland traders. The goods which the United States fishermen bring are not altogether American and are not on board when leaving the United States. As the Island of St. Pierre is off the coast between Fortune and Placentia bays, it is the custom of United States fishing schooners to call at that port first to ascertain where herring are to be had, and secondly to obtain a supply of rum, gin, tea and tobacco with which to cajole Newfoundland fishermen. It is needless to say that none of these articles pay duty at St. Pierre. They learn whether it is best to go to Placentia or Fortune Bay and accordingly depart. If they go to the latter they enter the bay and coast down the western shore, avoiding ports of entry and trading as they go until they finally reach Sound Island or its vicinity. Here they are to enter, that is if within reach of a Custom-house officer, whom they do their best to avoid. If herring are not plentiful, as at present, the rum jar plays a prominent part in the securing of the biggest share of what are being caught. Immediately our fishermen board an American schooner, the jar is set out and they are told to help themselves. Americans even carry a jar in their boats when they set out to make purchases and bargains are made by means of rum, to the injury of our people. This year they have contracted with our people to take herring at their measure, which is one and a half barrels, and our fishermen are giving herring to them at the rate of 67 cents for a thirty-two-gallon barrel, although they have the name of getting $1 for them. While the Americans can thus purchase with an illegal measure, Newfoundland buyers cannot get the same measure for $1, and the reason they cannot do so is because they have no rum to "wet" the bargain. At all times rum is the sheet anchor of the American herring buyer. With it he makes his bargain and with it he secures a larger measure than he is entitled to and a larger quantity of herring than he has a right to. The trade has a demoralizing effect on our people and no one but those who have witnessed such can imagine the scenes of debauchery and immorality that are practiced in out-of-the-way coves and harbors in Placentia and Fortune Bays, where these American vessels congregate.

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MUST HURRY UP.

Railroad Commissioners After the St. Louis & Hannibal Road.

Railroad Commissioner T. J. Hennessey has just submitted to the board a report which seriously reflects on the St. Louis & Hannibal Railway Co. A number of complaints, it appears, have been made against the condition of the road and the alleged failure of the management to take the necessary precautions against accidents. Two years ago the State Railroad Commission made an investigation and ordered that the road be placed in a safe condition as soon as possible. The management of the road promised to remedy the defects and began work in that direction, but it seems it has not done enough to satisfy the Railroad Commissioners. In his report just submitted Commissioner Hennessey who completed his last examination of the road a few days ago recommends that prompt action be taken at once. His report is as follows:

COMMISSIONER HENNESSEY'S REPORT.

Subsequent to my inspection and report of the condition of the St. Louis & Hannibal Railway in February, 1889, the Commissioners by their order made Feb. 7, 1889, required that it be placed in a safe condition in as short a time as possible. In 1890 I made two inspections of this line and found the work of repairs progressing in a reasonably expeditious manner, especially the work of improvement of track and road bed. Considerable work was also being done in the way of repairs of bridges and trestles. In accordance with the order of the board made on the 14th of December I again made a careful inspection of the line and am pleased to be able to state that so far as the road bed and track are concerned the requirements of the board have been complied with. Fifty thousand new crossties have been put in; twenty-one miles of track renewed with steel rails; ditches cleaned out; new cattle-guards built and track overhauled and surfaced for the entire line. A number of bridges and trestles have been repaired and some bridges entirely rebuilt. There are, however, a large number of bridges and trestles that are considered by me as unsafe. I find rotten timbers in all of the structures mentioned hereinafter. Some of the mud sills supporting Bents are rotten; also some of the stringers, ties and guard rails. All rotten timbers should be taken out and new ones substituted. I cannot guarantee any degree of safety to the traveling public over this line under the present conditions. While it is possible that trains might go over in safety for two or even six months I am not prepared to say so, and the duty of the Commissioners to the public requires prompt action on their part in this case. The officials of this road having had nearly two years in which to do the work necessary in renewing or thoroughly repairing all the bridges and trestles on the line, and having failed to do so or not having asked for an extension of time, and as they are not going ahead with the work of reconstruction, I think it the duty of the Commissioners to proceed under the law by requiring them to have the following numbered bridges and trestles rebuilt or repaired as soon as possible:

No. 1, considered unsafe; ought to be rebuilt; No. 6, rotten stringers, No. 17, How truss 120 feet in length, iron angle blocks broken; otherwise good; No. 18, needs one new stringer; No. 20, stringers rotten; No. 21, stringers rotten; No. 23, stringers rotten; No. 26, stringers rotten; No. 38, has some rotten timbers; needs overhauling; No. 41, needs new stringers; No. 42, one bent, needs renewing; No. 43, stringers rotten; No. 45, stringers and sills rotten; No. 46, needs new stringers; No. 47, needs two stringers; No. 53, needs new stringers; No. 66, ought to be renewed; No. 67, seeds new stringers; No. 75, needs new stringers; No. 89 needs 2 new stringers; No. 82 needs 2 new stringers; No. 97 needs 2 new stringers: No. 98 needs 2 new stringers; No. 99 very old, ought to be renewed; No. 101 needs 2 new stringers; No. 115 needs new stringers; No. 118 should be replaced; No. 125 needs 2 new stringers.

Very respectfully submitted,

T. J. HENNESSEY.

COMMISSIONER HENNESSEY INTERVIEWED.

Commissioner Hennessey said this morning "I give this report for publication because I think the people ought to be kept posted on these subjects. There has not been enough work done on that road and it's time to have it in safe condition. The board is empowered to push these matters and I am in favor of acting without further delay."

OWNED PRINCIPALLY BY BLAIR.

The St. Louis & Hannibal is a standard gauge extending from Gilmore, Mo., to Hannibal, a distance of eighty-six miles. It is owned principally by James I. Blair of Blairstown, N. J., a very wealthy capitalist and railroad magnate. The president's office is on Wall street in New York, and the general offices are in Hannibal.

DOING ITS BEST.

General Agent D. B. Lott, who represents the St. Louis & Hannibal Road in this city, said when seen to-day, that the road was doing its best to get all the bridges in proper shape. "We have put in something like fifty miles of new track during the past two years," he said, "and we are still pushing the work. It takes time, of course, to take up old bridges and put in new structures, and the St. Louis & Hannibal is doing its best in the premises. When I was last over the road, which begins some forty-two miles from this city, I found the work progressing in a handsome manner. For further information I will have to refer you to the Hannibal offices."

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Two Weddings.

BENTONVILLE, Dec. 24.—Mr. A. P. Smartt and Miss Jennie Berry were married last night at the residence of the bride's father, the ceremony being witnessed by a large number of friends. The list of presents was large. The bride is the youngest daughter of United States Senator James H. Berry, and one of Bentonville's handsomest belles. Mr. Smart is one of the foremost young men in the city, and a member of the firm of John Smart & Co., druggists.

Mr. Sam B. Maxwell and Miss Lena Wakefield were married last night. Mr. Maxwell is connected with the *Democrat* of this city, and has hosts of friends who wish him smooth sailing in the matrimonial sea. Miss Wakefield is one of the most popular society young ladies in the city.

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The Knapp, Stout & Co. Co. are erecting ten dwellings at Madison, Ill., for renting purposes.

Mr. M. J. Heller of the hardwood firm of Smith & Heller, has recovered from quite a serious attack of gripe.

FOR THE DEFENSE.

A Chemist On the Stand in the Trial of Dr. Graves.

TESTIMONY OF THE NURSE OF THE POISONED MRS. BARNABY.

How the Statements of Hanscom and Conrod Seemed to Impress the Jury—An Effect Which It Will Be Hard for Defendant's Counsel to Dispell—Demeanor of the Accused.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 24.—The storm kept away many of the regular attendants at the Graves-Barnaby trial to-day, but their places were supplied by others, glad to get a glimpse of the now celebrated defendant, who was expected to take the stand and testify in his own behalf to-day. The interest grows as the case goes on and seats in the court-room are never available after the proceedings begin. Judge Macon did not appear until 9:15 and the trial was proceeded with.

Niel Dahl, a chemist, was called to the stand. He was a graduate of a Copenhagen college. He said that arsenite of potassium was commonly used as a medicine in the shape of Fowlers solution. There were formulas for compounding almost any sort of medicine in various books. The formula for compounding arsenite of potassium was very simple. all that was necessary was to take equal parts of arsenic and potash and boiling them in water and then adding a little essence of lavender. To make it a stronger solution thon Fowler's it was necessary to add a little more arsenic or to add less water. He usually sold Fowler's solution in prescriptions, but sometimes people bought it to use it themselves. Livery stables sometimes purchased it. Witness made tests to find arsenic often. If it were in the viscera he would use Marsn's test. If there were only a one-twelfth of a grain he would not depend alone on Marsh's test. If he found a mirror by Marsh's test he would test the mirror to learn whether it was arsenic or not. Without testing the mirror he could not tell whether it was arsenic or not, for antimony very often resembled the arsenic mirror. Arsenic would be evaporated at a lower temperature than antimony.

Witness explained a number of tests, and said after the mirrors were obtained in little glass tubes, it was necessary to test them to prove what they were. There were many vegetable alkaloids which could not be detected in the system after being taken. Here he read the formula for making Fowler's solution out of a medical receipt book.

THE STATE'S STRONG POINT.

The testimony of John Conrad and Detective Hanscom are the strong points on the side of the prosecution. That the statements made by these two witnesses had a telling effect upon the jury; that they made an impression, which it will be well nigh impossible for the defense to remove, is the general conclusion in Denver. Dr. Graves' testimony will scarcely effect the purpose of his counsel. The appearance of the defendant in the witness box forcibly recalled the scene when the Pinkerton agent told in his quiet, convincing way, how the doctor, with little urging, confessed that he had sent the bottle of whisky to Mrs. Barnaby, but that it was pure whiskey when it left his hand; how, when told that he ought to publish a statement of this fact, Dr. Graves completely broke down and cried that he could not now take this course, as he had already solemnly assured his wife and friends that he had not sent the bottle and had never seen it.

When this testimony went in it was an exciting time in the court-room. Never before since the trial began have the spectators listened with such intensified interest. Almost breathless with suspense they strained their eyes toward the witness-stand. Judge Rising listened with a face suffused with interest, and when the District Attorney asked his questions he leaned forward in anticipation of the answer. Dr. Graves was not able to hide his emotion. He shifted restlessly in his chair, and his face was covered with a deathly pallor. Mrs. Graves watched the movements of her husband with perceptible anxiety. There was no need of bailiffs to rap for order. The court-room was as still as a tomb.

IT WAS CONVINCING.

Whether or not the jurymen were convinced of the truth of Hanscom's statement, it carried conviction to the listeners in the crowned court-room. It was at the Barnaby residence in Providence, the detective said, that the fatal admission was made.

For five nights, he said, personating a brother of Mr. Conrad, he met Dr. Graves there and employed all the artifices of a detective to discover the perpetrator of the crime. He testified that Dr. Graves first denied all knowledge of any bottle. Then he advanced theories about the poisoning. Afterwards, he acknowledged that he had sent a bottle, but that pure whisky was in it when he sent it.

"Promise me now, on your honor as a Conrad, that you will never tell in a court of justice, what I now confess," the accused is alleged to have said, before he told the reputed story of the bottle which he sent to the unfortunate dead. The promise was made and the acknowledgment made. "But it was pure whisky when I sent it," he insisted to the last. When this admission had been made the witness said Dr. Graves reeled, almost overcome by the intense excitement he was enduring, and called for whisky to give him strength. The liquor was administered, and in a state of the most intense excitement the accused departed. He promised to return and give more particulars about the sending of the bottle, but he never did.

MRS. BARNABY'S NURSE.

Mrs. Fuller, who nursed Mrs. Barnaby and Mrs. Worrell, was the next witness. She had been a professional nurse about six years. She was called to nurse the ladies at the Worrell house by Dr. Holmes about noon of the day after the ladies were taken sick. Mrs. Barnaby was vomiting and witness remained with her until 11 o'clock that night. She vomited three or four times during the day. She complained of burning of the throat and thirst; witness did not give her any water. Mrs. Worrell slept a good bit and did not vomit any. Witness did not give her any water, but she drank milk. She did not complain of any pain. Witness was told when she was dismissed that the friends of the family wanted to take care of her. Mrs. Worrell's face was very red.

SALLIE HENLEY.

Sallie Henley was now called to the stand. She was dressed in a light costume, but looked pale. She said her home was in Newport, R. I. She had been a saleswoman for many years and had supported herself since she was 15. She met the doctor in January, 1889, at a Grand Army fair. She met him several times after that. She first met Mrs. Barnaby at Dr. Graves' house. Mrs. Graves invited her to the house. The doctor had been the witness' physician. At that time she was boarding at the Woman's Christian Association. Dr. Graves said to Mrs. Barnaby when he introduced her: "This is the young lady who is to travel with you."

She said she would accept witness' services and left the wages to be settled by the doctor. This was in the middle of May, and witness left Providence in June with the doctor and Mrs. Graves and met Mrs. Barnaby in New York. They reached the Adirondacks the 29th of the month. The witness dressed and undressed Mrs. Barnaby. The latter was out of doors nearly every day, rain or shine. Witness seldom accompanied her; she nearly always went boating. She left her service on Dec. 16. She never had a disagreement with Mrs. Barnaby nor did she know that the women had ever complained about her. She never knew of Mrs. Barnaby receiving letters from her daughters or writing to them on Oct. 1. Witness made a contract with Mrs. Barnaby to remain in her service if she went to Cuba, but if she decided to West she was to take Mrs. Worrell. She and Mrs. Barnaby returned to Providence.

It is thought that Dr. Graves will be placed on the stand late this afternoon.

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TWO SHOPLIFTERS.

The Police Think They Have Captured a Pair.

Detectives Frese and Fitzgerald made what is expected to prove an important capture at Fourth and Chestnut streets this morning when they took into custody two suspicious-looking men who were carrying three solid silver soup ladles, none of which were packed up. When asked for an explanation they talked in a rambling way withou coming to the point. This caused the detectives to take them to the Four Courts, where they gave the names of Frank Miller and George H. Morton. A careful search of them revealed a startling state of affairs. Besides the silver ladles, 30 silk mufflers, 30 pocket-knives, 9 pairs of ladies' kid gloves, a half-dozen fruit knives, 11 white bone-handled table knives, 3 solid silver nut-picks and 4 razors, supposed to be the property of the Witte Hardware Co., were found on them. All of above property will be held for identification. Miller and Morton will be detained while the matter is being investigated by the police. A skeleton key was found on each man, which the police claim is evidence enough to convince them that they have made a big capture. They think the men have been shop-lifting.

Beat His Wife.

Anton Zatorski, a Polander, was arrested by Officer Peters this morning on a charge of beating and choking his wife Josie. The assault was first heard of when the woman called on Dr. Steinmetz at the Dispensary to dress her wounds. She told Dr. Steinmetz her story and he at once telephoned to the police to arrest the husband. Officer Peters arrested Anton, but at the time he was told by the neighbors that the woman was as much to blame as the husband. She was not dangerously injured and Dr. Steinmetz sent her home in an ambulance.

Arrested on Suspicion.

Luther Johnson, William Jackson, Thomas Jackson and Robert Raymond, four negroes, were arrested on suspicion this morning by Officers Deesner and Erile of the Fourth District. They were carrying some clothes they could not give any account of, and on learning that they lived at 1113 Cass avenne the officers searched the house. They found three cutaway coats, a lot of buttons and some tailors' trimmings, which are supposed to be stolen. The men were held and the property found is awaiting an owner at the police station.

Annie Gentry Dies.

Annie Gentry, an inmate of a house of ill repute at 1306 Chestnut street, took a dose of laudanum about 8 o'clock last night, and was discovered unconscious about two hours later. A physician was called in and gave the woman several hyperdermic injections. As she did not recover from the stupor after these attentions she was sent to the City Hospital. For five hours the doctors tried to restore life, but failed, and the woman died at 5 o'clock this morning. She was 25 years of age and came to this city several years ago with a jockey who has been seen several times on the South Side track. Nothing is known of her by her acquaintances in the house 1306 Chestnut street. A post mortem examination will be held at the Morgue to-day.

DR. ENNO SANDER'S Garrod Spa is highly prized by physicians as the most rational remedy for gout, rheumatism and gravel.

AFTER THE BOODLERS.

Startling Disclosures Made Concerning the Mercier Government.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Revelations made by the investigation of the boodle ring in the Mercier Cabinet are startling and recall the Tweed regime in its palmiest days in New York. The late Government's last financial statement estimated the deficit for the year at $600,000. There has been found an item in the books called "special expenditure," which swells the total deficit or excess of expenditure over receipts to $2,223,000. The department is now engaged in tracing where the extra $1,600,000 has gone to. In doing this the fact was stumbled on that for the past four years Phillip Vallieres, who indorsed Editor Pacaud's and Minister Mercier's notes in the late Chæurs scandal, has had a private contract with the Government, by the terms of which he furnished all the public buildings in the province with everything in the way of furniture, but no price was stipulated, no limit made. His accounts were regularly audited without question and paid, some of the prices and quantities of goods being outrageous. It is said that he drew hundreds of thousands of dollars for goods worth only half what he charged for them, and it is inferred that the Minister stood in with the surplus. Vallieres, who is rich, also backed paper for the ministers when they were short, and put bills through the banks for the Government when it was in a hurry for money, on the latter transaction charging a substantial bonus which was always paid without question.

MISSOURI MATTERS.

Personal Notes and General News From Interior Points.

JOPLIN, Mo., Dec. 22.—Ex-Supreme Court Judge E. W. Norton of Platte City arrived yesterday to look after his mining interests here.

Maj. S. O. Hemingway and L. R. Jones came for the same puypose on Sunday.

E. O. Bartlett, who accompanied Mrs. Bartlett to St. Louis, on her way to New Jersey, has returned.

Miss Pearl Jones is entertaining Miss Sadie Graham of Smithfield, Jasper County.

Recent visitors from Galena, Kan., are Miss Ella Rant, accompanied by Mr. J. Shoman; also Messrs. John Murdock, Henry Akes, Jahn Kimmonds and John Murphy.

Miss Virginia Yoder and Mr. James Enterkine of Galena are recent guests of the Zellehan family.

Mrs. A. M. Zook of Carthage is visiting her son Jesse at his pleasant home in East Joplin.

Miss Maude Neeley and Miss Lottie Gregg, daughter of Col. Gregg, have come home from Baird College at Clinton to spend the holidays.

Miss Mary Carson has returned from a visit of several months with relatives at Cottonwood Falls, Topeka and Perry, Kan.

The prominent retail grocery house of L. M. Bates has become a wholesale establishment and has engaged the services of Henry Mosely, formerly of Kansas City, as its traveling salesman for the Southwest.

The death of Mrs. Jency Fountain mother of four esteemed Jasper County citizens—Isaac, a public administrator; Joseph, a member of the Missouri Legislature; Stephen and John Fountain, successful farmers here, and Thomas Fountain of Arkansas City, Kan.—has attracted much attention and the sympathies of all who knew her intimately. This estimable lady had long and patiently suffered with chronic catarrh, but while on a visit to one of her sons she was attacked with la grippe, the immediate cause of her decease, and lived but nine hours. She was in her 77th year.

Owing to sickness in the family of Judge McGregor, he was unable to preside in the Circuit Court here yesterday. Maj. Clark Craycroft, by appointment, assumed his duties on bench.

Miss Nellie Burge and Mr. Harry Olson were married on Saturday morning at the residence of the bride's sister, in East Joplin. Esquire Angel officiated. The happy couple intend to make this their home.

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DEVOY & FEUERBORN.

Result of a Beauty Contest.

RONDOUT, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Albert D. Stunken of Brooklyn and Miss Maytle Adams of this city were married yesterday. The match was made by a newspaper beauty-contest, in which Miss Adams, representing Texas, won, her picture appearing in the paper. The groom fell in love with it, met the original, and successfully wooed and won her.

BEECHAM'S PILLS sell well because they cure

Broke Her Neck.

Mrs. Antoinette Junet of 2104 Waverly place fell over the banisters in her home about 5 o'clock last evening and died of a broken neck five minutes later. She was 81 years of age, and was in good health, but somewhat feeble. She was decending the stairs and in turning she leaned over the banister and fell to the floor, a distance of eight feet.

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COX WAS CRAZED.

Loss of Sleep Makes One of the Walkers Delirious.

HE ATTACKED HIS TRAINERS WHEN AWAKENED BY THEM.

A Lively Scene at the Natatorium—Moore Drops Out of the Match—Guerrero Overhauling the Leader Very Rapidly—Old Sport Campana's Peculiarities—Cartwright Still in the Lead.

But ten weary pedestrians circulated around the track at the Nat. this morning, Moore, who looked so promising on the second day, having gone to pieces during the night and dropped out at 6 o'clock this morning. He complained of a sprained ankle. At 11 o'clock the peds. had covered the following distances:

Cartwright	238	Cox	214
Hart	234	Campana	202
Guerrero	231	Moore	190 (out)
Hegelman	222	Palmer	152
Glick	216	Taylor	142
Herty	215		

Cartwright was the freshest man in the crowd, and he put in much of his time sprinting around the track witn a springy step that drew the admiration and wonder of the spectators. Hart persistently dogs the leader and keeps at his work, only four miles behind him.

GUERRERO RUNNING FAST.

Guerrero, whose chief trouble is lack of grit, and who usually flunks about the second day, took new heart yesterday and is now a good third, and sure of the $25 prize for those who cover 275 miles by midnight, to-night. Yesterday Guerrero, who had been very ill, wanted to retire from the race, but Prof. Clark urged him to keep on, and dosed him with bromo-seltzer until he was braced up. Seeing a chance the Californian buckled to and began catching up with the leaders. He rapidly recovered from the bad plight he was in and passed Herty, Moore, Hegelman and Cox, placing sixteen good miles between himself and number 4. Thus far the leaders have not had hardly a wink of sleep. Cartwright has slept but an hour and a half, Hart two hours and Old Sport half an hour. Guerrero has lost much time off the track, else he would be away in the lead. He left the track at 11 o'clock with 231 miles to his credit and announced his intention of catching two hours of sleep. As he will have nine good hours to cover thirty-four miles necessary to get a record of 275 referred to.

Cox was dilerious when awakened this morning. He had been resting, and his trainers, Connor and another man, tried to arouse him. The poor fellow could not be roused and fought Connor off. Finally Connor got another man to help him, and together they got the walker on his feet, whereupon Cox struck out wildly and drove them out of the tent. Prof. Clark was appealed to, and he tried to soothe the tired man and told him that a lot of friends were outside with Christmas presents. "All right; you tell them to come some other time," he said. "I've been to a fire and I'm tired and sleepy and want to go to bed."

He turned in again. Then they upset his cot and spilled Cox on the floor. This was the signal for another fight. It was only after a severe tussle that they got Cox out on the track, and for some time he was delirious.

Last night's betting was in favor of Cartwright and Hart, at 6 to 5, with the others as follows: Guerrero 4 to 1, Cox 5 to 1, Hegelman 8 to 1, Herty 10 to 1 and the others 100 to 1 each, and 40 to 1 for second place.

Herty who was depended upon to make a big record, has been sick, but is now much improved and doing considerably better.

OLD SPORT'S PECULIARITIES.

Old Sport and Truman Taylor, the ancients, do not speak as they pass by. There is a deadly rivalry between them. Old Sport ambles about gamely, occasionally sprinting when someone gives him a quarter. Taylor goes about at a snail's pace. Old Sport is peculiar in everything. He makes Prof. Clark weary at times. The Professor ordered a fine dinner for the two seniors yesterday, and turkey, roast beef, oysters and soup, with coffee and fixings, were spread on a table. But "Sport" and Taylor refused to sit at the same table. The "Old Sport" kicked because there was neither pepper-sauce nor Worcester and refused to touch a morsel. He sent out for a 5-cent ham sandwich and munched it as he ambled about.

The walkers went on a strike this morning and demanded continuous music, and their demand was acquiesced in by the amiable manager.

THE NOON SCORE.

The following was the score at noon:

Cartwright	241	Herty	218
Hart	234	Cox	214
Guerrero	231	Campana	204
Hegelman	226	Palmer	154
Glick	218	Taylor	142

Guerrero kept up his good work all morning and at 1:30 p. m. he was less than one mile behind Hart, the second man, and but eight miles back of Cartwright, the leader. Hart had been resting.

THE SCORE AT 1:30 P. M.

The score at 1:30 p. m. was as follows:

Cartwright	245	Glick	219
Hart	233	Cox	216
Guerrero	237	Campana	208
Hegelman	233	Palmer	159
Herty	224	Taylor	143

A St. Louis Woman's Suicide.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The woman who committed suicide last night by jumping from a ferryboat into the East River, was to-day identified as Isabella E. Ward of St. Louis.

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WHEAT.			
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No. 3	36@36⅜*	36½@36*	45½
OATS.			
No. 2	31*	30½@30¾	40 b
No. 2 white	31¾ b	31 @31½	41½
No. 3	30½@30¾*	30¼@30½*	38 b

*East side.

Future Prices.

	Closing Yesterday.	Highest To-day.	Lowest To-day.	Closing To-day.
WHEAT.				
Dec.	92¾ n	....	....	92¾ n
Jan.	92⅝ a	....	....	92⅝ n
May.	97 a	97½	97	97¼ b
July.	92¼	92½	92½	92½
CORN.				
Year	37⅛ b	37¾	37⅜	37⅜
Jan.	37 b	37½	37⅜	37⅛ n
Feb.	37⅜ n	....	....	37¾ a
May.	38¾@⅞	39⅜	38⅞	39⅛ b
OATS.				
Dec.	30½ n	....	....	31 n
May.	32⅝ b	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝ b

CHICAGO—Reported by Gaylord, Blessing & Co., 307 Olive street.

WHEAT.				
May	96½@⅝	97⅛@¼	96⅜	96¾
CORN.				
Jan.	41⅜	42¼	41½	41½
OATS.				
May	32½	33	32⅜	32¾
PORK.				
Jan.	10.27½	10.47½	10.32½	10.40
LARD.				
Jan.	6.00	6.05	6.00	6.05
SHORT RIBS.				
Jan.	5.15	5.22½	5.17	5.20

CHICAGO—Wheat—Dec., 90¾@⅞c; May, 96[illegible] Corn—Dec. and year, 41⅜c; May, 42⅛@¼c. Oats—Dec., 32⅛c b; May, 32¾c b. Pork—Jan., $10.[illegible] May, $10.95 b.

Lard—Jan., 6.05c; May, 6.40c a.

Short-ribs—Jan., 5.20c; May, 5.60c.

Flaxseed—May, $1.00½.

NEW YORK—Wheat—Dec., $1.06⅛ n; Ja[illegible] $1.06½ b; March, $1.08⅝ a; May, $1.08⅛ a. Corn—Dec., 54½c n; Jan., 52⅞c b; Feb., 52⅜c b; M[illegible] 51⅜c. Oats—Dec., 40c b; Jan., 39⅜c a; May, 39[illegible]

TOLEDO—Wheat—Cash, 95½c; Dec., 95½c; M[illegible] $1.01⅜.

Grain Inspection.

	Into Elevators. Sacks.	Into Elevators. Cars.	Out of Elevators. Cars.	Out of Elevators. Bushels.
WHEAT.				
No. 2 red winter	600	53	19	24,[illegible]
No. 3 red winter	......	23	22	[illegible]
No. 4 winter	......	3	9	[illegible]
Rejected winter	......	2	3	[illegible]
No. 3 hard winter	......	4	......	[illegible]
No. 3 soft spring	......	......	1	[illegible]
No. 2 white spring	......	......	1	[illegible]
No. 3 white spring	......	1	4	[illegible]
No. 2 hard spring	......	1	......	[illegible]
No. 3 hard spring	......	4	......	[illegible]
Rejected spring	......	2	......	[illegible]
Total wheat	600	93	59	24,[illegible]
CORN.				
No. 2	......	158	43	[illegible]
No. 3	......	43	13	[illegible]
No. 4	......	2	......	[illegible]
No. 2 yellow	......	8	......	[illegible]
No. 3 yellow	......	6	......	[illegible]
No. 2 white	......	2	3	[illegible]
No. 3 white	......	1	......	[illegible]
Total corn	......	215	59	[illegible]
OATS.				
No. 2	......	1	9	[illegible]
No. 3	......	1	1	[illegible]
No. 4	......	2	......	[illegible]
No. 2 white	......	......	6	[illegible]
No. 3 white	......	7	2	[illegible]
No. 2 color	......	1	7	[illegible]
No. 3 color	......	....	3	[illegible]
Total oats	......	12	28	[illegible]
BARLEY.				
No. 3 spring	......	......	4	[illegible]
Total barley	......	......	4	[illegible]
RYE.				
No. 3	......	......	1	[illegible]
No. 4	......	......	1	[illegible]
Total rye	......	......	2	[illegible]
Grand total	600	320	152	24,[illegible]

Stock of Grain in St. Louis Elevators.

	To-day.	Yesterday	Dec. 25[illegible]
Wheat, bu	3,059,090	3,010,716	2,020[illegible]
Corn, bu	308,303	253,945	498[illegible]
Oats, bu	86,665	91,657	269[illegible]
Rye, bu	9,320	7,495	3[illegible]
Barley, bu	104,736	106,048	115[illegible]
No. 2 red win. wheat	2,183,177	2,156,348	1,380[illegible]
No. 2 corn	235,118	189,782	424[illegible]
No. 2 white corn	26,031	25,728	58[illegible]
No. 2 oats	12,374	17,668	75[illegible]
No. 2 rye	4,600	2,731	1[illegible]

Movement of Wheat and Corn To-Day.

	Receipts. Wheat.	Receipts. Corn.	Shipments. Wheat.	Shipments. Corn.
St. Louis	64,220	187,680	72,680	198[illegible]
Chicago	129,884	260,489	121,731	46[illegible]
Toledo	14,300	63,580	7,175	21[illegible]
Detroit	16,601	11,309	3,850	5[illegible]
Kansas City	......	......	......	[illegible]
Milwaukee	......	......	......	[illegible]
Minneapolis	222,320	.....	10,853	[illegible]
Duluth	......	......	......	[illegible]
New York	225,140	206,925	189,896	123[illegible]
Baltimore	33,424	122,031	148,000	[illegible]
Philadel'hia	11,967	82,271	79,172	11[illegible]

SHIPMENTS OF FLOUR—St. Louis, 8,160 b[illegible] Chicago, 8,160 bbls; Detroit, 350 bbls; Milwaukee, — bbls; Minneapolis, — bbls; Duluth, — bbls; New York, 2,441 bbls, 21,953 sks; Baltimore, 731 bbls.

Receipts and Shipments

Of leading articles at St. Louis for the twenty-[illegible] hours ending Thursday, Dec. 24, 1891, and corresponding day in 1890, as reported by the Merchants' Exchange:

Articles.	Receipts by River and Rail. 1891.	Receipts by River and Rail. 1890.	[illegible] by River and Rail. 1891.	[illegible] by River and Rail. 1890.
Flour, bbls.	3,285 *	....	8,160 *	[illegible]
Wheat, bu.	64,220	....	72,680	[illegible]
Corn, bu.	187,600	....	198,902	[illegible]
Oats, bu	19,000	....	38,206	[illegible]
Rye, bu.	3,850	....	5,958	[illegible]
Barley, bu.	10,500	....	1,722	[illegible]
Bran, shipstuffs, sks	450	....	2,289	[illegible]
Do, in bulk cars	2	....	1	[illegible]
Corn meal, bbls	..	....	524	[illegible]
Cotton, bls, local	3,011	....	} 4,515 }	[illegible]
Cotton, bls, through	3,840	....		[illegible]
Hay, tons	416	....	127	[illegible]
Pork, bbls.		....	10	[illegible]
Hams, lbs.	82,400	....	84,443	[illegible]
Meats, lbs.	497,075	....	260,13[illegible]	[illegible]
Lard, lbs.	1,870	....	90,992	[illegible]
Cattle, hd.	385	....	282	[illegible]
Hogs, hd.	2,318	....	2,753	[illegible]
Sheep, hd.	99	....	692	[illegible]
Horses and mules, hd	101	.	52	[illegible]

* No shipments.

Future Sales To-Day.

Wheat—May—15 at 97c, 25 at 97⅛c, 10 at 9[illegible] ¼c, 170 at 97⅛c, 50 at 97¼@⅜c, 170 at 97⅜c, [illegible] 97⅜@½c, 125 at 97½c. July—10 at 92½c.

Corn—Year—30 at 37⅜c, 20 at 37½c, 10 at 3[illegible] ⅜c, 10 at 37⅜c, 25 at 37⅜c Jan.—5 at 37⅜c, [illegible] 37½c. May—5 at 38⅞c, 10 at 39c, 55 at 39⅛c, [illegible] 39⅛@⅜c, 25 at 39⅜c.

Oats—May—15 at 32⅝c.

ON 'CHANGE.

Grain.

Wheat—More strength to cables, the strong [illegible] vance in corn and fear of a cold wave coming [illegible] yesterday's reaction opened the market firm [illegible] buying by shorts, who did not care to go over [illegible] days' holiday and some for long account, [illegible] price up ⅛c. Subsequently there was little ch[illegible] after 12 o'clock hardly any trading. [illegible] close was firm at ⅛c below the [illegible] English markets were little better. Liverpool up [illegible] according to early cables, but were firm and no[illegible] better demand, and Berlin was reported as reco[illegible] ing yesterday's ⅛c decline. There was hard[illegible] doubt about a considerable drop in the temperat[illegible] though chances favored a snowfall that, if it c[illegible] would protect the plant. Receipts sh[illegible] no falling off and the seaboard clears [illegible] continued good; 43,000 pks flour and 307,0[illegible] from four ports, equivalent to 500,000 bu. [illegible] export buying was also reported in New York [illegible] Chicago. The closing cables showed [illegible] change, but their tendency was gene[illegible] upward. In Liverpool spot unchan[illegible] but some Indian wheat futures led up; Berlin [illegible] higher; Paris unchanged to ⅛c higher. These [illegible] holiday markets as they were on this side. Ta[illegible] advantage of the extreme dullness a pressure [illegible] brought to bear late that forced the market d[illegible] ⅛c, but the close was firm.

FUTURES—May opened at 97c and sold to 97[illegible]

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Jan.	92⅝ a	....	....	92⅝ n
May.	97 a	97½	97	97¼ b
July.	92¼	92½	92½	92½
CORN.				
Year	37⅛ b	37¾	37⅜	37⅜
Jan.	37 b	37½	37⅜	37⅜ n
Feb.	37⅜ n	....	....	37¾ a
May.	38¾@⅞	39⅜	38⅞	39⅛ b
OATS.				
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Short-ribs—Jan., 5.20c; May, 5.60c.
Flaxseed—May, $1.00½.
NEW YORK—Wheat—Dec., $1.06⅛ n; Jan., $1.06½ b; March, $1.08⅝ a; May, $1.08⅛ a. Corn—Dec., 54½c n; Jan., 52⅞c b; Feb., 52⅝c b; May, 51⅝c. Oats—Dec., 40c b; Jan., 39¾c a; May, 39⅜c.
TOLEDO—Wheat—Cash, 95½c; Dec., 95½c; May, $1.01⅜.

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No. 3	......	1	1	......
No. 4	......	2	......	......
No. 2 white	......	......	6	......
No. 3 white	......	7	2	......
No. 2 color	......	1	7	......
No. 3 color	......	......	3	......
Total oats	......	12	28	......
BARLEY.				
No. 3 spring	......	......	4	......
Total barley	......	......	4	......
RYE.				
No. 3	......	......	1	......
No. 4	......	......	1	......
Total rye	......	......	2	......
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Baltimore	33,424	122,031	148,000	....
Philadel'hia	11,967	82,271	79,172	11,200

SHIPMENTS OF FLOUR—St. Louis, 8,160 bbls; Chicago, 8,160 bbls; Detroit, 350 bbls; Milwaukee, — bbls; Minneapolis, — bbls; Duluth, — bbls; New York, 2,441 bbls, 21,953 sks; Baltimore, 731 bbls.

Receipts and Shipments

Of leading articles at St. Louis for the twenty-four hours ending Thursday, Dec. 24, 1891, and corresponding day in 1890, as reported by the Merchants' Exchange:

ARTICLES.	Receipts by River and Rail. 1891.	Receipts by River and Rail. 1890.	Shipments by River and Rail. 1891.	Shipments by River and Rail. 1890.
Flour, bbls.	3,285	*	8,160	* ....
Wheat, bu.	64,220	....	72,680	....
Corn, bu.	187,600	....	198,902	....
Oats, bu	19,000	....	36,206	....
Rye, bu.	3,850	....	5,958	....
Barley, bu.	10,500	....	1,722	....
Bran, ship-stuffs, sks	450	....	2,289	....
Do, in bulk cars	2	....	1	....
Corn meal, bbls	..	....	524	....
Cotton, bls, local	3,011	....	4,515	....
Cotton, bls, through	3,840	....		....
Hay, tons	416	....	127	....
Pork, bbls	....	....	10	....
Hams, lbs	82,400	....	84,443	....
Meats, lbs	497,075	....	260,130	....
Lard, lbs	1,870	....	90,992	....
Cattle, hd	385	....	282	....
Hogs, hd	2,318	....	2,753	....
Sheep, hd	99	....	692	....
Horses and mules, hd	101	....	52	....

* No shipments.

Future Sales To-Day.

Wheat—May—15 at 97c, 25 at 97⅛c, 10 at 97⅛@⅛c, 170 at 97¼c, 50 at 97¼@⅜c, 170 at 97⅜c, 10 at 97⅜@½c, 125 at 97¼c. July—10 at 92½c.
Corn—Year—30 at 37⅝c, 20 at 37½c, 10 at 37½@⅝c, 10 at 37⅝c, 25 at 37⅝c. Jan.—5 at 37⅜c, 10 at 37½c. May—5 at 38⅞c, 10 at 39c, 55 at 39⅛c, 20 at 39⅛@⅜c, 25 at 39⅜c.
Oats—May—15 at 32⅝c.

ON 'CHANGE.

Grain.

Wheat—More strength to cables, the strong advance in corn and fear of a cold wave coming after yesterday's reaction opened the market firm and buying by shorts, who did not care to go over three days' holiday and some for long account, put the price up ½c. Subsequently there was little change after 12 o'clock hardly any trading. The close was firm at ¼c below the top. English markets were little better. Liverpool up ½d, according to early cables, but were firm and noted a better demand, and Berlin was reported as recovering yesterday's ⅜c decline. There was hardly a doubt about a considerable drop in the temperature, though chances favored a snowfall that, if it came, would protect the plant. Receipts showed no falling off and the seaboard clearances continued good; 43,000 pks flour and 307,000 bu from four ports, equivalent to 500,000 bu. Some export buying was also reported in New York and Chicago. The closing cables showed little change, but their tendency was generally upward. In Liverpool spot unchanged, but some Indian wheat futures ½d up; Berlin shade higher; Paris unchanged to ⅛c higher. These were holiday markets as they were on this side. Taking advantage of the extreme dullness a pressure was brought to bear late that forced the market down ⅛c, but the close was firm.
FUTURES—May opened at 97c and sold to 97⅛c to 97⅛@¼c to 97⅜c to 97¼c and at close 97¼c bid. July sold at 92½c.
SPOT GRADES—The cash market did not respond to the advance in futures, but, on the contrary, was generally lower. Outside of a few purchases by millers, the only buyers were carriers. No. 2 red sold ⅛c lower at 92⅛c. No. 3 red ⅜c lower at 87c regular, 87c E. side and in St. L. No. 4 sold regular at 81¼c and 81¼c bid St. L., 81½c East side. For rejected 70c bid. No. 2 hard winter not offered, 82½c bid C., 83c for St. L. and E. side. No. 3 hard winter and spring sold steadily at 80c. No. 4 hard winter offered regular at 75⅛c bid 75c.
Sales: No. 2 red—28 cars and 850 bu regular at 92⅛c. No. 3 red—19 cars regular at 87c, 2 in St. L. and 5 E. side at 87¼c. No. 4 winter—1 car regular at 81c. No. 3 hard winter and No. 3 hard spring—7 cars regular and 1 in St. L. at 80c. No. 4 hard winter—1 car regular at 75⅛c.
SAMPLES—Receipts, 83 cars and 809 sacks. Very dull; white prices were about unchanged. There was little demand for the light offerings; only one miller in the market and he was only a light buyer. Holders were firm and were compelled to carry over several lots. Sales: Special bin—2 cars rejected at 70c, 1 No. 4 hard at 75½c, 3 No. 3 white spring at 77c, 1 do at 80c, 2 No. 4 winter at 82c, 6 do at 82½c, 1 No. 3 red at 88c, 3 do at 88½c, 1 do at 89c. Track this side—1 car rejected at 73c. Track East side—1 No. 4 winter at 83c, 1 No. 3 red at 87½c, 2 do f. o. b. at 89½c, 1 No. 2 red at 93c. Sacks—16 at 89c, 20 at 90c, 88 at 92½c, 250 at 92¾c and 250 at 93c.
Corn—The bulls turned most their attention to this cereal and with bad weather and a continuance probable they managed to work up quite an advance. All other markets were higher, Chicago taking the lead and nothing new in the movement. The weakness in cash depressed year option some, but the others held up well and the close was ⅜@½c above yesterday.
FUTURES—Year sold at 37¾c to 37⅜c to 37⅝c at close; Jan. at 37⅛c to 37⅜c; May at 38⅞c to 39⅜c to 39⅛c and at close 39⅛c bid. Feb. offered at 37¾c, bid 37⅝c.
SPOT GRADES—A limited demand from shippers and local trade and No. 2 only salable to shorts, causing the market to show more weakness than strength, as holders did not care about carrying stock over three days. No. 2 sold fairly ¼c higher at 37¼c, then dropped to 37⅛c and later was offered at latter, bid 37c. No. 3 was ready sale E side ⅜c higher at 36¼@36⅜c, but this side dull, selling ⅜c lower at 36⅛c and afterward offered at 36c without buyers. No. 4 sold at 33c. No. 2 white higher, with buyers at 38½c this and 38⅜c E side. No. 3 do offered this side at 38c, bid 37¼c for regular.
Sales: No. 2—5 cars in Cdlt and 16 regular at 37¼c, 34 cars regular at 37⅛c. No. 3—4 cars in M at 36⅛c, 5 in U and 11 E side at 36¼c, 3 E side at 36⅜c. No. 4—2 cars E side at 33c. No. 2 white—1 car in Cdlt at 38½c, 2 E side at 38⅜c.
SAMPLES—Sales: East track, 1 car No. 2 at 37⅜c, 1 car mixed ear at 40c, 1 yellow ear at 42½c. Skd lots on orders 46@47c.
Oats—A few trades in May at 32⅝c, were ⅛c better than obtainable at close of yesterday.
SPOT GRADES—No. 2 offered E. side at 31¼c, bid 31c and for regular 30½c bid; No. 2 white in M. at 32¼c, bid 32⅜c and 32¾c bid for D.; No. 3 white E. and this side at 31½c, bid 30⅜c; No. 2 color in D. at 31¾c, bid 31¼c; No. 3 color 30¾c bid regular, 31c E. side; No. 3 offered regular at 30½c, bid 30c and 30½c bid E. side.
SAMPLES—Light offerings and small demand, with little change to note in prices. No. 2 sold E. side at 31c, No. 3 at 30½c; No. 2 color, of which there was more offering than any other grade, at 31½c to 32c; No. 3 color, at 30¾c. No No. 2 white offered. No. 3 white sold at 31c to 31¼c. Rust proof was wanted for seed and would have sold readily at 32c to 35c, but there was none to be had. Sales: Special bin—1 car No. 2 color at 32c, 3 do at 31½c, 1 do at 31¼c, 1 No. 3 white at 31¼c, 2 No. 3 white and 2 No. 2 (East side) at 31c, 2 No. 3 color at 30¾c, 1 No. 3 at 30½c. Sacked lots on orders 36@37c.
Rye—Grade No. 2 offered regular at 87c, bid 82c and for E. side 83c bid; No. 3 regular at 80c, bid 75c.
Barley—There was little disposition to do anything, and the market was nominal. A car Iowa, free in elevator, sold late yesterday at 52c.
MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24.—Barley—Cash, 56c bid; Jan., 56½c bid.

Flour and Feed.

Flour—Supplies are quite firmly held in sympathy with wheat, but the movement is light, as there is no demand of any kind, and not much is expected until after New Year. Sales—485 sks at $3 per bbl, 50 bbls at $4.20, 700 sks and 150 bbls on p. t.

Patents	$4 45@4 55
Extra fancy	4 15@4 25
Fancy	3 90@4 00
Choice	3 45@3 55
Family	3 30@3 40

These prices are for lots at depot or on levee. On orders for shipment, higher—according to grade and brand.
Rye Flour—Pure jobbing at $4.80@4.90 ⅌ bbl.
Buckwheat Flour—Jobbing at $5.50 ⅌ bbl.
Cornmeal—Unchanged. City meal selling on orders at $2.1 @2.20 ⅌ bbl delivered. Hominy, pearl meal and grits at $2.85@2.95.
Bran—Quiet, with most buyers out, but offerings small. Sales: 1 car skd country point at 72c, part car trk this side at 75c, 1 car E trk at 76c, 100 sks at mill at 80c.
Ships—Dull. Sales: 100 sks del E side at 72½c, part car trk this side at 85c.

Hay.

Receipts, 416 tons; shipments, 127 tons. A very quiet market particulary for prairie. The demand was confined largely to timothy, prairie being almost neglected. Sales this side—1 car mixed at $9.50. Timothy—1 car strictly prime at $10, 2 about choice at $10.50, 4 choice at $11, 1 do at $11.25, 4 strictly do at $11.50, 1 fancy at $12, 2 strictly do at $12.50, 1 gilt-edge at $13. Prairie—1 car choice at $8, 1 fancy at $9.25. East side—1 car clover mixed at $10.50, 1 slightly do at $11.75. Timothy—2 cars strictly choice at $11, 1 fancy at $11.50, 1 strictly do at $11.50.

Provisions.

Very dull. The only offerings were green c'ribs at 4.95c; the best bid was 5.90c. Fully cured 50 lbs and under average offered at 5.25c. C. and f. failed to draw a satisfactory bid.
ON THE CALL—Green Hams—Jan. 6.67½c bid, Feb. 6.87½c bid.
Dry Salt C'ribs—Jan. offered at 5.27½c, bid 5.25c; May offered at 5.67½c, bid 5.65c.
Bacon C'ribs—Sales 25,000 lbs; Jan. at 5.75c.
Pork—Standard mess jobbing at $9 for old and $11 for new. On orders, $9.37½ for old and $11.75 for new.
Lard—Prime steam, 5.82½c this side, and 5.92½c E. side. On orders, tierces refined, 5⅝c; leaf, 7c.
Country Lard—Nominal at 4½@5½c.
Dry Salt Meats—Shipping age f. o. b. on cash orders—Shoulders at 3¾c; long and c'ribs, 5⅜c; shorts, 5½c; boxed 15c higher. On orders—Boxed shoulders, 4½c; longs, 5¾c; c'ribs, 5⅞c; shorts, 6c.
Bacon—Packed shoulders at 5¼c; longs at 6¼c; c'ribs at 6¼c; shorts at 6⅜c. On orders—Shoulders, 6c; longs, 6¾c; c'ribs, 6¾c; short clear, 6⅞c.
Green Hams—From the block, 6½c; bellies, 6c; shoulders, 3½c.
Hams—Sugar-cured, 9@10½c, as to size and brand; on orders, 9½@11c, according to brand, size of ham and size of order.
Breakfast Bacon—8@9c ⅌ lb. On orders 8½@9½c, according to brand.
Beef—Mess, $7.50@8, and rolled, $9 ⅌ bbl. Dried, 8@9c, and selected, 11c ⅌ lb; on orders, mess beef, $9@11 ⅌ bbl, according to brand. Smoked beef tongue, $4 ⅌ doz; on orders, $4.50.
Highwines—Steady at $1.18 in St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati and Peoria.

Lead and Spelter.

Lead—Steady and quiet at 4c.
Spelter—Nominal at 4.40c.

Commercial Board.

Wheat—May 97¼c bid.

ON THE STREET.

[*The Post-Dispatch quotations are for lots in first hands, unless otherwise stated. Orders are filled with choice goods and are charged higher.*]

Fruits.

Apples—Received, 1,700 bbls; shipped, 263 bbls. There is nothing encouraging in the fruit market. The weather is unseasonably warm and damaging to fruit, the offerings heavy and the demand light. Still holders show some confidence in the position and hope for an improvement in trade after the turn of the year. Geneting range from $1@1.25 for small and inferior to $1.40@1.50 for choice, Ben Davis at $1.50 @1.75 for poor to $2@2 15 for choice, other western varieties at $1.50@2. Eastern greening and russet at $1.60@1 70 and Baldwin at $1.80@2. Sales: 1 car Ben Davis at $2.25 del.
Grapes—There was a car of Lake Kenka Catawbas on the market this morning which sold readily at 35c per 9-lb basket.
Grape Fruit—Large offerings and dull at $1.50@2.00 per box.
Almeria Grapes—Fair offering and demand. We quote:

Fair grade, ⅌ bbl	$6 50@ 7 00
Choice, ⅌ bbl	7 50@ 8 50
Fancy, ⅌ bbl	9 00@10 00
Extra fancy, highly tinted, ⅌ bbl	12 00

California Fruits—Fair offerings and demand causing a steady movement. We quote: Winter Nelis pears, $2.75@3; Emperor grapes, $3.75@4 ⅌ 40-lb box.
Oranges—Offerings were large; the demand, however, for both local and order account was good, causing a steady movement at full quotation. Well-known brands continue to command a premium over consigned offerings. We quote:

Mexican per box	$2 50@2 75
Florida brights, per box	1 60@2 25
Florida russets, per box	1 50@1 80

Tangerenes—Per ½ box, $1.50@1.80.
Lemons—Liberal offerings, while the demand was only fair. The range was:

Messina and Palermo, good, ⅌ box	4 00@4 50
Messina and Palermo, fancy, ⅌ box	4 50@5 50

Pineapples—Fair offerings, light demand, at $3.50@4 ⅌ per dozen.
Bananas—Fancy bunches are billed out on orders at $2@2.25 and choice at $1.50@1.75.
Cocoanuts—On orders, $3.75 ⅌ 100.
Dates—Persian, Hallowe'en in boxes sell at 6c; Star at 4½c ⅌ lb; Fard, 60-lb boxes, 6½c; 10-lb boxes, 9c.
Cranberries—Slow and weak. Offerings large of overripe, soft and wet berries, which have to be sold at any price. Cape Cod ranged from $6@6.50 per bbl for damaged, to $7@7.50 for medium and $8.50 for fancy. New Jersey at $2@2.50 per box.
Dried Fruit—There was a demand for sun-dried apples, but everything else was quiet. No change in values.

Apples, sun-dried quarters	4 @ 4¼
Apples, evaporated rings	4½@ 5½
Apples, evaporated quarters and sliced	4½@ 4¾
Apples, chopped	....
Apples, peelings and cores	....
Peaches, sun-dried	1½@ 2
Peaches, unpeeled evaporated	2½@ 4
Peaches, peeled evaporated	10 @12
Raspberries	16

Nuts.

Pecans—Weak and neglected. Texas range at 5⅛c to 6½, and Western at 5c to 5½c ⅌ lb. Sales—5,000 lbs Texas at 5¼c.
Peanuts—Very quiet, but firm. Little demand at present and not much of a movement looked for for a month to come. Common range at 2@2½c ⅌ lb, choice at 3@3¼c, fancy re-cleaned worth more.
Hickory Nuts—Quiet. Shellbark, 50c per bu; large, 30c.
Walnuts—Quotable at 35c ⅌ bu. California in lots 8c ⅌ lb, in a small way 10c.
Hazelnuts—Quotable at 2@2½c ⅌ lb.
Chestnuts—Choice, 10c ⅌ lb; wormy and woolly, 5@8c. Italian, 10c.

Vegetables.

Potatoes—Received, 1,421 bu; shipped, 774 bu. Trade light as usual toward the close of the year, and while the arrivals have been only fair the supply has been large enough to give receivers difficulty in disposing of the stock. Little or no shipping demand at present, while the wants of the local trade were limited. The range is from 20@25c per bu for damaged and very poor, to 28@30c for fair and 33@35c for choice. Sales—1 car Hebron at 31c del, 1 car Rose and 2 cars Burbank at 35c del.
Onions—Received, 563 bu; shipped, 534 bu. Unchanged, with supply fully equal to the limited wants. Prime yellow sell at 70c and red at 75c per bu, fancy red at 78@80c per bu and at $1.85@1.90 per bbl; inferior and damaged stock at 50@60c per bu. Sales: 1 car sacked at 78c per bu del.
Cabbage—Large offerings, largely consisting of frosted, loose and leafy, for which there was little demand. Choice stock was in good request and found ready sale at a premium. For choice hard, unfrosted we quote $12 per ton, while frosted was only salable in a small way at lower prices. On order the billing prices was $1.75 on large and $2 on small orders per crate.
Celery—Large offerings of both home-grown and Northern. Demand was good and white prices showed no material advance there was a better feeling and a firmer market. Northern was saleable at 20@35c and home-grown 50c@$1 per dozen.
Egg Plant—Light offerings, good demand at $2.50@3 ⅌ doz.
Sweet Potatoes—Fair offerings and light demand. On orders—Choice home-grown yellow and red Nansemond was salable at $2.25@2.50 for yellow and $2.50@2.75 for red. Consigned yellow were moving very slow at $1.50 per bbl.
Cauliflower—Light offerings and demand. Choice to fancy was salable in a small way at $3.50@4 per doz. Frosted was almost unsalable.
New Cucumbers—Salable at $1.75@2.25 ⅌ doz.
New Beans—Light offerings of new, which were salable at $2.50 per case.
Lettuce—Fair offerings of both Southern and home-grown. Considerable of the Southern arriving was heated and damaged and had to be sold at a large discount. Choice fresh receipts in good condition sold at $2.50@3 ⅌ bbl. Home-grown sold at 75@90c per box on orders.
Rutagabas—Steady. Michigan, 22@23c ⅌ bu bulk and del. On orders $1.25 ⅌ bbl.
Radishes—Salable on orders at 20c ⅌ doz.
Horseradish—For select stock there was a good active demand at $4@4.50 ⅌ bbl of 100 lbs net weight.
Hubbard Squash—Salable at $5@6 ⅌ 100 on orders in shipping condition; $1 ⅌ doz.
Parsnips—Light demand at $2 for washed and $1.50 for consigned ⅌ bbl on orders.
New Peas—Light offering and demand. Sales were made at $2.50 ⅌ crate.
Squash—White summer, salable at 40@50c ⅌ doz.
Spinach—Fair offerings and demand at $2@2.50 ⅌ bbl for Southern on orders.
Kale—Fair offerings and demand at $1.00@1.25 ⅌ bbl on orders.
Soup Bunches—On orders, 40@50c ⅌ doz.
Turnips—Dull. Home-grown salable in a small way at 75c ⅌ bbl.
New Southern Tomatoes—Light offerings and demand at 75c@$1.50 per 10-lb box, according to condition.
Water Cress—Light offerings and good demand at 60c per doz bunches.
Sauerkraut—On orders, new city make at $3.00 per bbl, and $2 per half-bbl.
Beets—Fair demand at $1.50 per bbl, with offerings fairly ample.

Eggs.

Received, 780 cases; shipped, 109. The holiday trade being supplied the demand is falling off and the feeling was decidedly weaker. Sales of fresh stock were at 22c per doz. All held stock, such as ice-house, pickled and preserved, dull at 15 @20c.

Butter and Cheese.

Butter—Received, 53,528 lbs. There is very little doing, as is usual about this time, and the market was extremely dull and neglected. The receipts have not been large, but there was nevertheless an accumulation, and as the goods are losing freshness, holders are naturally anxious to move the stock and will shade prices in order to do so.

Creamery, fancy near-by Neb., Io. and Wis.	26@27
Creamery, seconds or gathered cream stock	24@25
Dairy, fancy	24
Dairy, first's	18@20
Dairy, seconds	14@15
Ladle packed, fancy	20
Ladle packed, common	14@16
Roll, near-by country stock, choice	11@12
Roll, near-by country stock, low	6@ 9
Country stock in pails, choice fresh	11@12
Country stock in pails, common	6@ 9
Very poor (grease stock)	3@ 4

Cheese—Only a light business doing, as is natural just before the holidays. Holders continue firm in their views and think that cheese will move with more freedom after the turn of the year.
Wisconsin full cream—Twins, 12c; singles, 12¼c; Young America, 13¼c; Southern Wisconsin and Western, 10@11¼c; skims and near-by make, 7@8c; centrifugal, 3@5c. Brick, 12½@13c. Limburger, 11½@12c. Swiss—Choice, 13@14c; No. 2, 10@11c; low grade, 6@8c.

Poultry and Game.

Dressed Poultry—The market opened quite dull for all kinds, as most of the large buyers had supplied themselves yesterday, and the demand on the whole was confined to the small peddling trade. The weather was mild and though the quality was not exactly in bad order it was wet, soft and limp, and its sale was probably curtailed a little on that account. The express companies have been so overcrowded with business that considerable stock, which ordinarily would have been delivered yesterday, did not reach the commission merchant until to-day. Turkeys sold fairly well at the decline; but other kinds, and chickens in particular, were entirely neglected, and large lots will have to be carried over for want of buyers. Quotations were nominally as follows:

Turkeys	10 @11
Chickens, fair to choice	6 @ 6½
Chickens, large and rough	5
Ducks	7 @ 9
Geese, choice fat	6½@ 7
Geese, red, rough and poor	5 @ 5½

Live Poultry—There was actually no market for live poultry, and it was impossible to get any reliable prices. Large lots were carried over from yesterday, and with liberal receipts this morning and express companies still delivering goods up to late hour in the day, receivers were entirely at a loss what to do. There was only a light peddling demand and as there will be no trade to speak of after to-day, holders would accept almost any price offered, rather than carry the stock over. Values were nominally as follows:

Chickens, mixed old and young	5½
Chickens, old roosters	3½
Turkeys	7½@ 8
Ducks	6 @ 6½
Geese	4½@ 5

Game—The offerings were light and the condition was only fair. Buyers were generally looking for turkeys and other dressed poultry, neglecting, to a great extent, the offerings of game. For choice sweet stock we quote:

Quail undrawn, ⅌ doz	$1 35
Quail, drawn	1 00
Prairie chicken, Western, ⅌ doz	5 50
Prairie chicken, small Texas	4 50
Prairie chicken, Nebraska	5 00
Pheasants	6 00
Snipe	1 25
Mallard ducks, undrawn	2 50
Mallard ducks, drawn	2 25
Teal ducks	1 75
Mixed ducks	1 25
Wild turkeys, toms, ⅌ lb	8
Wild turkeys, hens, ⅌ lb	7
Woodcock	5 00
Frog legs	50
Live pigeons and squabs	75
Plover	75
Kansas rabbits	75
Undrawn rabbits	60
Illinois and Missouri rabbits	90
Jack rabbits, ⅌ doz	1 50
Squirrels, ⅌ doz	40
Venison saddles, ⅌ lb	10
Venison carcasses, ⅌ lb	6
Opossum, each	5@ 15

Live Veals—As usual, this class of stock at this season was neglected. The offerings, however, were not large. Choice, small, fat sold at 5c, medium at 4¼c, and heretics, rough an thin at 2½@3c ⅌ lb.
Dressed Veals—Light offerings and demand at 4@6c ⅌ lb.
Sheep—Salable at 3@3½c and lambs at 4½@5c ⅌ lb.
Roasting Pigs—Considerable offering, for which there was a fair demand at 5@7c ⅌ lb.
Dressed Hogs—Fair offerings, while the demand was only moderate. Sales ranged 3@4c ⅌ lb, according to size.

Wool.

Received, 19,820 lbs; shipped, 116,760 lbs. A firmer feeling prevails on bright wool, though Texas and Territory stock, of which the largest portion of the supply held here consists, are not affected to any great extent. Some sales have been made, however, at former asking prices. Sales: 9 sks. fleece washed at 26c, 25,000 lbs Texas on p. t.

UNWASHED—STATES AND TERRITORIES.	Bright medium	Braid to coarse	Low sandy.
Mo., Ill., Ark., etc	22	19@20	16@ 13
Kansas and Nebraska	19 @20	15@16	11@ 16
Texas and Indian Ter. 8 to 12 mo	22 @22½	18@19	15@ 17
Texas and Indian Ter. 4 to 6 mo.	19 @20	14@15	11@ 12
Colo., Utah, N. Mex., etc	19 @20	16@17	13@ 15
Montana, Wyoming, etc	20 @21	17@18	15@ 16

UNWASHED—STATES AND TERRITORIES.	FINE. Light.	FINE. Heavy.
Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, etc	19 @20	12 @14
Kansas and Nebraska	16 @17	12 @14
Texas and Indian Territory 8 to 12 mo.	19 @20	14 @16
Texas and Indian Territory 4 to 6 mo.	17 @18	16 @17
Colo., Utah, New Mex., etc	17 @18	13 @15
Montana, Wyoming, etc	18 @19	15 @17

Tub—Choice, 31@31½c; inferior, 25@30c; black, 3@5c off. Sacks—Texas, 3-lbs tare, 10c; regular long sks, 3½ lbs, 15c. Burry, cotted, etc.—Slightly, 2@4c off; moderately, 4@5c off. Hard, burry, etc.—12½@ ⅌ lb for Southern.

Seeds and Castor Beans.

[Flaxseed and castor beans are sold subject to inspection and inspector's weight.]
Grass Seeds—Unchanged, but very quiet. Offerings light and demand fair. Clover ranged from $3.75@4 for choice timothy, trashy and inferior to $4.25@4.40 for fair, at $1.12@1.15; fair at $1.05@1.10 and inferior at 90c@$1; red top at 25@30c; German millet at 50@55c; Hungarian at 30@40c.
Flax Seed—Unchanged. A car sold at 90c.
Castor Beans—Quiet. Prime at $1.77 for car lots and at $1.75 for smaller lots, rejected at $1.50, low grade at $1.25@1.35.
Hempseed—The last sale reported was at $1.35 pure test.

Hides, Feathers, Pelts, Etc.

Hides—Green stock unchanged; dry stock weakening. Sales ranged:

Green salted, No. 1 cured	5
Green salted, No. 2 and bulls	4
Uncured and part cured ½@¾c less	
Dry flint, No. 1	9¼
Dry flint, No. 2 and skins	7¼
Dry flint, bulls	6½
Dry salted, No. 1	7½
Dry salted, No. 2, skins and bulls	6
Glue stock, green and dry	2 @4
Round, green salted	4¼@4½
Round, dry flint, light to heavy	7½@8½
Round, dry, culls and glue stock	4

Feathers—Unchanged, but selling steadily. Prime live geese—in large sacks at 42c; in small sacks at 43c; quilly, damp and unripe, 35@39c; prime gray, 37c. Old XXX, 18@20c; XX, 27@29c; X, 35@37c; duck, dark, 25c; white, 35c; chicken dry picked, 4c; turkey, body, 2c; wing, 20c; tail, 25c; wing and tail, mixed, 20c; pointers, 4c; tare, 3@10 per cent.
Sheep Pelts—Unchanged. Green—Large full-wooled, $1.00@1.10; medium-sized or fairly-wooled, 75@90c; lambs or short-wooled, 40@60c. Shearlings, 20@40c. Dry skins, 10@20c less; dry fallen skins, 11@12c ⅌ lb.
Deerskins—Quiet. Prime flint, 30c; damaged, meaty, green, etc., half price; antelope, 17c; goat, 15@25c. Glue stock worthless.
Tallow—Firm. Prime country stock in oil bbls, 4½c per lb; No. 2, 3¾c; choice cake, 4¼c.
Grease—Brown, 2½@3c; yellow, 3¼@3½c; white, 3¾@4¼c. These prices are for small country lots in irregular packages.
Beeswax—Prime, 24½c; adulterated and burnt half price and less.
Roots—Ginseng, $2.40@2.60; choice large worth more; seneca, 24@26c; snake, 15c; golden seal, 12@13c; mayapple, 1½@2c; blue flag, 5c; pink, 14@15c; blood, 1½@2c; bitter sweet bark, 5@6c; golden thread, 14c; lady slipper, 6c; black, 5c; angelica, 5@6c; wahoo, bark of tree, 5c; bark of root, 10c.

Furs.

The demand was somewhat slower and the feeling weak, but all offerings are meeting with fair sale at quotations.

	No. 1 Large.	No. 1 Med.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Raccoon	45	40	30	20	10
Mink	70	55	40	25	15
Fox red	1 00	80	60	30	15
Fox, gray	60	45	30	20	10
Otter	7 00	5 50	3 50	2 00	75
Beaver	7 00	5 50	3 50	2 00	75
Bear	10 00	7 50	5 00	2 50	75
Wolf, prairie	1 00	75	40	20	10
Wolf, timber	2 00	1 25	75	40	15
Badger	75	60	40	20	10

Skunk, black, prime	85	Civet cat	5@15
Short stripe, prime	60	Opossum	5@10
Narrow stripe, pr'e	30	Muskrat	5@15
Broad stripe & white	15	Wildcat	20@35
Territory, round	30@45	House cat	10

Northern range 10@15 per cent higher and extreme Southern 15@25 per cent lower. For open mink, fox, otter, skunk, civet cat, opossum and muskrat 10@15 per cent is deducted; others are preferred open. All scabs are worthless, as are also ground hog, rabbit and squirrel skins.

Miscellaneous Markets.

Broom Corn—Firm, but quiet. The range is from 3@3½c per lb for common to 4@4½c for prime and 5@5½c for choice—fancy hurl and dwarf worth more, and damaged and crooked sells for half-price.
Pop Corn—Late sales were at ¾@1c per lb for common and at 1½c for rice corn.
Moss—Choice black, 3½@4c; brown, 3@3½c; gray and brown mixed, 2½@3c; gray, 2@2½c; country machine picked—XXXX, 6c; XXX, 5½c; XX, 4½c; X, 4@4½c.
Scrap Iron and Metal—Wrought, 70c; heavy cast, trimmings, plow and steel, 40c; stove plate, 30c; malleable and burnt, 20c. Brass—Heavy, 8c; light, 6½c; copper, 8½c; lead, 3¼c; zinc, 2¼c; pewter, 9c.
Hemp—Missouri undressed nominal at $80 per ton.
White Beans—Country lots dull, as most of the stock coming in is weevily and poor. The best sell for $1@$1.25, and fair at 50@75c per bu. Hand-picked Eastern job from store at $1.85@1.90.
Dried Green Peas—Jobbing at $1.15. Scotch at $1.20.
Rags, etc.—Country mixed rags, 75@90c; old rubber, 2¼c; old rope, $1.75 for No. 1 and 75c for No. 2.
Bones—Half-green slaughter house, $8@10; junk bones, $11@12; mixed, skinny and partially bleached, $12@13; half bleached, clean and dry, $15@16; bleached and dry, $17 per ton.
Honey—Dark to fair near-by sells at 10@14c, inferior and broken at 6@9c, choice Northern white clover at 16@18c. Extracted and strained at 4½@5¼c in bbls and 7@8c in cans.
Cider—Quotable at $4@4.50 ⅌ bbl.
Sorghum—Quotable at 25@26c ⅌ gal.
Sacks—Burlaps, 2-bu, 6c; 2½-bu, 6¾c; 2¾-bu, 7c; 3-bu, 7½c; 4-bu, 8½c; 5-bu, 9c; 6-bu, 9¼c; 7-bu, 9½c. Cotton seamless, 13@21c; flour, 98-lb, 6¾c; 200-lb, 14@23c; wool at 20@30c; Texas, 6-ft bags, 24½c.
Balingstuff—Bagging, 1½-lb, 5¾c; 1¾-lb, 6¼c; 2-lb, 6¾c; 2¼-lb, 7¼c. Hemp twine, 10c; iron cotton ties, $1 35@1.40.
Oil—Linseed oil, raw, 35c; boiled, 38c. Castor oil, No. 1, 12c; No. 2, 11c. Cottonseed oil, summer yellow, 35c; white, 36c; winter yellow, 39c; white, 40c. Turpentine, 39c.
Empty Barrels—Coal oil, 85c; car lots, 90c; lard oil, 65c; linseed oil, 65c; black oil, 50c; vinegar, 60c; molasses, 30c; whisky, iron hoop; 65c; wood hoop, 40c; half barrels, iron hoop, 35c.
Salt—Domestic, 95c ⅌ bbl this side and 90c East side.
Cooperstuffs—Shaved hoops, hoosier flour bbls, $3.50@4; cooper flour bbls, $4.50@5; flour half-bbls, $2.50@3. Pork bbls—Oak, $7@8; hickory, $8@9. Lard tierce—Oak, $9; hickory, $10. Staves—Flour bbl, $6.50; culls or seconds, $4@4.50; beer kegs, $16@18; lard, tcs, $22; pork bbls, $16. Heading—Flour bbls, 4¼c ⅌ set.
Cooperage—Flour bbls, round hoops, 32c; flat hoops, 28c; half-bbls, 22½c; produce bbls, 23c; meal bbls, 25c; pork bbls, 85c; half-bbls, 70c; lard tcs, $1.05; half-tcs, 75c; kegs, 25c.

Commercial Notes.

Holiday trading.
Smoking and horns on the floor.
Also a great deal of monkeying.
Barge shipments to New Orleans, 54,850 bu. wheat.
Weather cloudy; 40 degrees at 12 o'clock.
New Orleans cleared yesterday, 45,000 bu. wheat to Liverpool.
The past week's packing in the West was 570,000 hogs, against 625,000 the week before and 475,000 the corresponding week last year.
New York advices say that the total export purchase of wheat yesterday was 74 loads, including 27 loads at outports by New York shippers.
The latest reported estimate of the German grain crops is stated to have been a repetition of the midsummer estimate and not the final estimate, as generally believed.
A dispatch from Manitoba says that roads there have been compelled to refuse grain for shipment to New York, owing to the refusal of Eastern roads to take the stuff.
Indications are for threatening weather and rain or snow in the Lake Region, the Central Valleys and the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys on Friday, with winds shifting to much colder in the Northwest.
The Cincinnati Price Current says: "In some regions wheat was injured somewhat by freezing and thawing, but complaints not general or emphatic. The crop is improved in Missouri and Kentucky and the general average for the West is not especially changed. More inclination to market corn, but movement retarded by scarcity of cars and bad roads.
The Board of Agriculture returns for 1891 show the production of wheat during the year to be 72,127,263 bu; barley, 72,129,095; oats, 112,386,261. In 1890 the production was: Wheat, 73,354,484 bu; barley, 73,933,801; oats, 120,188,046. The corn crops of 1891 have been generally inferior in quality and condition, and an unusual proportion of the grain has been shed in the fields.
Weather and crop conditions in Europe are reported by Beerbohm, Dec. 11, as follows: The weather has been relatively mild and damp this week, and a severe gale of wind and rain was experienced yesterday in most parts of the country. Reports are somewhat conflicting regarding the progress of wheat sowing in this country; some farmers complain of the backward condition of this work, while in other parts of the country a full average area has been sown. In France, Germany, Belgium and Holland farmers generally are satisfied with the present agricultural outlook and in Austria-Hungary, too, the weather has been more favorable for autumn and winter sowing. In the South of Russia the abnormally mild weather allowed of better progress being made with winter wheat and rye sowing, and heavy snow having lately fallen in the principal governments, the needful moisture and protection are assured. The advices concerning the crop in South Australia point to a short crop; those from Victoria are more encouraging, while New Zealand looks for a good and an unusually early harvest. The condition of the winter cereals in France, and principally the wheat, continues promising in the aggregate. The plants show precocity of growth, which is accounted a favorable sign, and according to their present appearance farmers have no apprehension of their suffering from the future inclemency of the weather. Prospects altogether are considered very gratifying, not only from the present standpoint, but also in view of the proportionately enlarged area of this autumn's wheat sowings.
The Merchants' Exchange adjourned from 1:15 p. m. to-day to 9:30 a. m. next Monday, giving the members three days rest from business and ample opportunity to enjoy their Christmas holiday. There will be no curb trading Saturday, as the Commercial Board will not be open. Hence no markets will be published in the POST-DISPATCH and no issue of the Price Current after to-day until next Monday.
Dornbusch of Dec. 11 says of Germany's crops: The weather of the past week has been predominantly mild and damp, but towards the close of the week atmospheric conditions became more ungenial, but any perceptible decrease of temperature is not yet probable: The recent mild weather has been most acceptable to farmers, as agricultural work has been prosecuted and completed in almost all directions, and the present condition of the autumn sown crops may be considered as generally good. The first sowings were effected early and the plants have had time enough for healthy development, and the fields are thickly covered with fresh green blades.

Special Market Letter.

Private wire to J. P. Grier.
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The markets are of a decidedly holiday character. Wheat ranged from 96⅝c to 97⅛@¼c and closing in the calls. Partridge pressed it down from the top. Clearances from four ports for the week (partly estimated) 2,243,900 bu, showing a decrease of 663,800 bu.
Corn advanced nearly entirely on shorts covering. We look for easier markets.
Provisions ruled firm till near the close when offerings became more liberal and the close was weak. Packers predict a lighter run of hogs during January, and we are inclined to think we have seen about bottom prices on the product. We hope all our friends will enjoy a very merry Christmas.
Estimated receipts for to-morrow: Wheat, 180 cars; corn, 250 cars; oats, 150 cars.
F. G. LOGAN & Co.

Cotton.

Local—Spots quiet and steady. Middling, 7 5-16c.
New Orleans—Spots unchanged. Middling, 7⅛c.
Futures dull and lower; a decline of about 6 points was established up to 12:30 p. m.
New York—Spots quiet and steady. Futures a shade firmer early, but after 1:30 p. m. became weaker and declined about 10 points up to 2:30 p. m.
Liverpool—Spots easier. Futures dull, opening 1-64d lower and closing quiet at the decline.
LOCAL SPOT QUOTATIONS.—Low ordinary, nominal; ordinary, 5 11-16c; good ordinary, 6 7-16c; low middling, 7 1-16c; middling, 7 5-16c; good middling, 7 9-16c; fair middling, 7 15-16c; tinges ¼c and stained ½c lower than white.
RECEIPTS TO-DAY AT LEADING RECEIVING CENTERS.
GALVESTON—Receipts, 4,632; steady at 7 3-16c.
MOBILE—Receipts, 1,156; quiet at 7⅛c.
SAVANNAH—Receipts, 4,733; steady at 7c.
CHARLESTON—Receipts, 4,292; quiet at 7⅛c.
NORFOLK—Receipts, 3,333; dull at 7¼c.
WILMINGTON—Receipts, —; steady at 7⅛c.
BALTIMORE—Receipts, —; nominal at 7⅝c.
BOSTON—Receipts, 901; quiet at 7 15-16c.
PHILADELPHIA—Receipts, —; quiet at 8 5-16c.
MEMPHIS—Receipts, 3,954; steady at 7⅛c.
AUGUSTA—Receipts, 1,314; steady at 7⅛c.
ST. LOUIS MOVEMENT:

	This season.	Last season.
Gross receipts to-day	5,797	
Gross receipts since Sept. 1	460,146	372,300
Net receipts to-day	2,497	
Net receipts since Sept. 1	198,021	180,582
Shipments to-day	861	
Shipments since Sept. 1	87,209	96,148
Gross shipments since Sept. 1	349,334	288,856
Stock	121,547	85,008

NEW ORLEANS—Receipts, 16,062 bales. Quiet at 7⅛c.

	Closed. Yesterday.	Closed 12:15 To-day.
December	7.00	7.00
January	7.11	7.03
February	7.34	7.28
March	7.52	7.46
April	7.66	7.60
May	7.79	7.74
	Steady	Quiet.

LIVERPOOL—Spot: Business moderate at easier prices. Uplands 4⅛. Sales, 8,000 bales, of which 7,600 were American.

	Closed Yesterday.	Closed To-day.
December	4.12	4.11
December and January	4.12	4.11
January and February	4.13	4.12
February and March	4.17	4.16
March and April	4.21	4.20
April and May	4.24	4.23
May and June	4.28	4.27
June and July	4.31	4.30
July and August	4.34	4.33
	Firm.	Quiet.

NEW YORK—Receipts, — bales. Spots—Quiet. Middling at 7 15-16c.

	Closed Yesterday.	Highest To-day.	Lowest To-day.	Closed To-day.
December	7.58	7.59	7.50	7.50
January	7.65	7.67	7.55	7.55
February	7.82	7.84	7.72	7.72
March	7.98	8.00	7.97	7.88
April	8.12	8.15	8.03	8.03
May	8.27	8.29	8.16	8.16
June	8.39	8.39	8.28	8.28
July	8.49	8.50	8.38	8.38
August	8.57	8.58	8.44	8.47
September	8.63	8.65	8.52	8.52
October	8.69	8.69	8.68	8.69
	Steady.			Steady.

Sales to-day, 107,900 bales.

Markets by Telegraph.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Wheat—Receipts, 225,140; bu; sales, 824,000 bu; firm, ⅜@⅝c up; quiet; Dec. $1.05⅞@1.06; Jan., $1.06⅛@1.06¼; May, $1.07¾@1.08¼; June $1.06@1.06⅛. Rye—Dull, steady; western $1.01@1.03. Corn—Receipts, 206,925; sales, 320,000; firm, ½@¾c up, dull; No. 2, 54¾@56½c; steamer mixed, 53¾@54c. Oats—Receipts, 61,500; sales, 20,000; quiet, firmer; western, 39@43½c. Beef—Quiet, unchanged; extra mess, 9@10c; family, 11@12c. Pork—Dull, steady; new mess, $9.75 @10.25; old mess, $9.25; extra prime, $9.50. Lard—Quiet, steady; steam rendered, 6.35. Butter—Receipts, 2,711 pkgs; quiet and unchanged; Western dairy, 16@22c; Western creamery, 19@30c; Elgins, 29½@30c; imitation creamery, 16@23c; rolls, 15@20c. Eggs—Receipts, 2,307 pkgs; firm and quiet; Western, 26@27½c. Sugar—Raw dull and nominal; fair refining, 3 1-16c; centrifugals, 96 test, 3 5-16@3⅜c; refined dull and steady; crushed, 5⅛c; powdered, 4⅞c; granulated, 4½@4⅝c. Spirits turpentine dull and steady, 33½@34½c. Molasses—Firm; fair demand; New Orleans common to fancy, 33@38c. Tallow firm and quiet; city ($2 for pkgs), 4⅜@4 25-32c. Coffee—The market for contracts opened irregular as following; European markets, prices declining 5 to 30 points on most months, with a quiet market until the close of the call when a little European buying set in. Havre was irregular, unchanged to 1 franc. lower. Hamburg was off ¼@1 pfennig. Receipts at Brazil ports were 35,000 bags. Rio quiet and easy; No. 7 on spot, 13⅛@13½c.
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24.—All the markets were very quiet and dull, the trading being influenced by the nearness of the holidays. While the Berlin cables were higher this morning the markets at London and Liverpool were very quiet and the prices quoted were steady. The trading done here was of a local character, and the fluctuations of the pits were within a narrow range. Wheat started in steady at about yesterday's closing for May at 96⅝c. For a time the trading was slow and the advance, though steady, was for but small fractions. Shorts began to cover for holidays and trade become somewhat brisker, the price for May advancing to 97⅛c. At 10:45 it was quoted at 97c. Corn started in steady at an advance of ⅛c for May over yesterday's closing prices. From 41⅞c it advanced slightly, sold at a split 41⅞@42c and then when the shorts began to cover, advanced to 42¼c at 10:45. Oats opened at the top figures at yesterday's closing, 45⅜c for May, and the morning's fluctuations were confined to ⅛c higher than this. Trading in provisions was at higher range and was mostly by those who were evening up for the holiday. A late run of hogs caused an advance. Pork started 5c higher for Jan. at 10:30 and fluctuated within a range 10c higher. Jan. lard and ribs were each 5@7½c higher on the morning's trading.
10:45 a. m.—Wheat—Dec., 91c; May, 97c. Corn—Jan., 42¼c; May, 42¼c. Oats—Jan., 31⅜c; May, 32⅝@⅞c. Pork—Jan., $10.40; May, $11. Lard—Jan., 6.05c; May, 6.42½c. Short ribs—Jan., 5.22½c; May, 5.62½c.
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—Wheat firm; May, 92⅜c; No. 2 spring, 87c; No. 1 Northern, 92c. Corn steady; No. 3, 39c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 33c; No. 3 white, 31½@32c. Rye steady; No. 1, 87c. Barley easy; No. 2, 56½c; sample on track, 37@60c.
TOLEDO, O., Dec. 24.—Wheat quiet, firm; No. 2 cash and Dec. 95½c; May, $1.01⅜. Corn quiet; No. 2 cash and Jan., 41c; May, 42c. Oats, steady; No. 2 cash, 34c; No. 2 white, 35¾c. Rye quiet; cash, 90½c. Cloverseed, quiet; prime cash, Dec. and Jan., $5.40; Feb., $5.42½; March, $5.47½.
BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Wheat—No. 1 hard strong $1.04½; No. 1 Northern, $1.02½; No. 2 red, $1.01; No. 2 corn, none here. Receipts—Wheat, 1,000; corn, 22,000. Shipments—Wheat, 200,000; corn, 110,000.

Foreign.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—Pork, wheat and flour demand poor, prices unchanged. Lard—Demand has fallen off for spot and poor for futures; spot, 32s 9d, steady; Dec., Jan. and Feb., 32s 6d easy. Corn—Demand poor for spot and has fallen off for futures; spot, easy, 5s 3¾d; Dec., easy, 5s 3½d; Jan. steady, 4s 10d; Feb. steady at 4s 9½d.
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—Beerbohm—Cargoes off coast, wheat market quite of a holiday character. Wheat—Spot quiet, but steady. Winter, 8s 3½d to 8s 4½d; spring, 8s 3½d to 8s 4½d; No. 1 California, 8s 9d to 8s 9½; corn 5s 3¾d.

LIVE STOCK.

St. Louis Union Stock Yards.

Don. N. Palmer, Manager; W. A. Ramsey, Secretary; John J. Fletcher, Asst. Superintendent.

Weekly Review.

Cattle—The representative sales of cattle for the week ending to-day were 1,557 head. Shrunken receipts has had very much to do this week with the general conditions of the cattle trade at the Union yards. For the past year there has been a small supply which stimulated activity on the part of buyers and made it possible for the advance of 15c last week duplicated this week and strengthened somewhat on good butcher cattle. Everything that came in found buyers. Cows and heifers have been steady to stronger under light receipts. Veal calves have been scarce and prices good for milch calves, while heretics found sale a steady prices. There is a good demand for good cows and calves at steady to stronger prices while the commoner kinds sell slow at steady prices. Butcher calves sold well at quotations. The price list prevailing is as follows:

Grades.	Price ⅌ 100 lbs.
Fancy steers, 1,500 to 1,700 lbs	$ 5 65 to $ 6 00
Choice steers, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs	5 00 to 5 50
Corn-fed steers, 1,350 to 1,450 lbs	4 50 to 4 75
Coarse steers, heavy	3 50 to 4 25
Corn-fed steers, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs	4 25 to 4 50
Corn-fed steers, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs	4 00 to 4 20
Grass steers, 1,100 to 1,250 lbs	3 00 to 3 75
Bulls, big and fat	2 00 to 2 10
Butchers' bulls	1 50 to 1 85
Sausage bulls	1 25 to 1 50
Calves	4 00 to 9 00
Stockers	2 00 to 2 25
Choice feeders	3 00 to 3 50
Choice cows and heifers	2 50 to 3 25
Common to fair cows	1 25 to 1 60
Trashy cow stock	1 00 to 1 25
Common cows and calves	12 00 to 16 00
Good to choice	23 00 to 30 00

Hogs—The representative sales at the Union Yards for the week ending to-day were 6,548 head. The receipts were only moderate with an active and steady demand all week. The market could have used more butcher and packing hogs if they had been here. The range of values on packing and choice hogs has run from $3.60 to $3.90 until yesterday afternoon, when an easier condition began to manifest itself. To-day it developed into a sharp decline, which was about 15c, and that much lower than the close Friday when $3.90 was the top. The trade to-day was rather limp. There was light arrivals and the demand was not very large. The range to-day was from $2.75 to $3; light and light mixed, $3.25 to $3.50; good to best, $3.55 to $3.75; bulk sales, $3.55 and $3.70. The close was easy at the decline, and the representative sales of the day were as follows:

No.	Av.	Price	No.	Av.	Price.
76	145	$3 20	58	207	$3 55
46	220	3 65	64	198	3 70
68	201	3 70	73	206	3 85
36	222	3 75	40	202	3 60
44	195	3 60	75	215	3 75
51	233	3 75	64	208	....
54	175	3 55	73	209	3 55
51	208	3 72½	56	272	3 72½
54	182	3 55	65	204	3 55
26	248	3 65			

Sheep—The representative sales for the week ending to-day at noon were 611 head. The market has been characterized by a good to strong demand for anything beyond the common line of sheep, with receipts not enough for the trade. Good to best lambs ranged from $4 to $5, fair to good sheep, $3.75 to $4.25; good to best, $4.50 to $4.75. The close was steady.

A Generous Giver.

Col. Don Palmer, the General Manager of the Union Stock Yards, generously remembered his 200 employes, each one getting a turkey of huge size. Col. Palmer, while not desiring to be classed as a philanthropist, is very generous to his employes, and every year as the joyous season of yuletide rolls around he remembers in a becoming way their year's faithfulness.

Notes.

The officials, commission men and traders of the Union Yards send out their best wishes to-day to the world for a generous and pleasant Christmas and very prosperous '92.
The butchers of the city who patronize the Union Yards had prolific and artistic displays to-day of beeves, lambs and hogs in the various meat-shops. As to the better one it would be difficult to tell, they were all so perfectly handsome and generously complimented.
Burt James, of the firm of Wheeler, James & Co., returned last night from an extended and successful hunting trip. He is one of the crack shots of the State.
The following shippers were on the market this week with stock: Wm. Moore, Troy, Mo., cattle; D. T. Killan, Winfield, Mo., cattle and hogs; J. E. Beauchamp, Arcadia, Mo., cattle and hogs; Zodo Packer, Salem, Io.; J. L. Trevis, St. Johns, Mo., cattle and hogs; John Kieling, Elsberry, Mo., cattle and hogs; S. Holembach, Jerseyville, Ill., two car loads of hogs; H. Huchtons, St. Paul, Mo., cattle; J. J. Howard, California, Mo., sheep; Pritchett & Son, Frankford, Mo., three cars of cattle and hogs; George Bethel, Montgomery City, Mo., two cars of hogs; H. Kaiman, Old Monroe, Mo., sheep and hogs; Cobb & Hammack, New Hope, Mo., sent in hogs; R. E. Black, Elsberry, Mo., sent in hogs; M. Gray, O'Fallon, Mo., hogs; O. C. Martin, Parish, Ill., cattle; M. Dugan, Jerseyville, Ill., hogs; Barkherd Killman, Winfield, Mo., cattle and hogs; H. Hetter, Houghton, Io., cattle; J. H. Reynolds, Louisville, Mo., cattle; Lenbbert & Benthe, Westphalia, Mo., cattle and hogs; Henry Mathius, Bismark, Mo., cattle; Henry Schnider, Rich Fountain, Mo., hogs; Peter Lamb, Toos, Mo., hogs and cattle; B. F. Davis, Salisberry, Mo., hogs; Sol Debun, Welstonville, Mo., cattle; C. Wehmeyer, Morrison, Mo., hogs; L. T. Brazice, St. Elizabeth, Mo., hogs; John Oliver, Montgomery, Mo., cattle; E. B. Pegram, Montgomery, Mo., hogs; George Ware, Cyrene, Mo., hogs; E. Forisell, Foresseil, Mo., hogs; W. A. Perry, Wellsville, Mo., Hogs; C. P. Bacon, Linn, Mo., hogs; P. Tabor, Loose Creek, Mo., hogs; O. L. G. Willard, Pearle, Ill., 3 cars of hogs that sold for top prices; C. F. Davis, Linn, Mo., hogs; Palmer L. Sharp, Lebanon, Mo., hogs; A. T. Smith, Villa Ridge, Mo., cattle and hogs; W. L. Gibson, Portland, Mo., cattle; David Kiser sent in hogs from Illinois. C. J. Jacobs, Jefferson City, Mo., hogs; E. G. Gant, Thompson, Mo., sent in a car of hogs; Henry Larken, Wright City, Mo., sent in a car of hogs; McFarland & Williams, Richland, Mo., sent in a car of hogs; E. Burke, California, Mo., sent in a car of hogs; J. Pruettgir & Co., Bonnett's Mills, Mo., had in a car of hogs; W. H. Fountain & Son, Sturgeon, Mo., car of cattle and calves; Kellogg & Hamilton, Kimsville, Mo., sent in a car of cattle; Anderson & Westkemp, Moscow, Mo., car of cattle.

Live Stock by Telegraph.

BUFFALO, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 119 loads through, no sale. Nothing doing; feeling weak. Hogs—Receipts, 59 loads through; 40 sale. Fairly active, but lower. Sales: Yorkers, $3.80@3.85; good mediums, $3.85; choice, $3.90; heavy, $3.90@4.00. Sheep and lambs—Receipts 1 load through; 15 sale. Shade firmer; most of the offerings Canada lambs. Best Canadas, $6.40@6.50; best Western, $6.00@6.25; fair to good, $5.85@6.25; Western sheep, $4.50@5.25; common to fair $3.75@4.25.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,800; shipments, 1,700; market strong, 10c, higher; good steers, $4.95@5.40; fancy, $5.65@5.90; cows, $3.60@3.80; stockers and feeders, $2.45@4. Hogs—Receipts, 7,500; shipments, 600; market steady at yesterday's close; all grades, $3.50@3.70; bulk, $3@3.80. Sheep—Receipts, 300; shipments, 100; market steady.
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24.—The Evening Journal reports: Cattle—Receipts, 7,000 head; active, higher. Hogs—Receipts, 34,000 head; heavy strong, light slow; rough to common, $3.50@3.65; mixed and packers, $3.65@3.80; prime heavy and butchers weights, $3.80@3.90; light, $3.40@3.70. Sheep—Receipts, 3,000 head; steady.

Wall Street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The stock market opened rather tame and at irregular changes from last night's prices, though declines were the more numerous, the changes extending to ⅜ per cent either way. Activity was seen developed, however, especially in Northern Pacific preferred St. Paul, Western Union, Richmond West Point and New York Central, the increased animation being accompanied by a decidedly strong tone which resulted in advancing the whole list. The improvement was confined, as usual, to small fractions in the general list, but the Vanderbilts took the lead and New York Central rose from 118 to 119⅝, Northern Pacific preferred following with ⅝ per cent. Among the low-priced shares the Oregon line was the feature, rising 2 per cent to 28¾ on a large business for that stock. Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis preferred was also conspicuous, rising nearly 1 per cent. The later trading brought no change in the temperature of the dealings, though there was less animation, but at 11 o'clock the market was still active and strong at the best prices reached.
Noon—Money is easy at 2½@3 per cent. The activity in the stock market was less in the general list after 11 o'clock but Union Pacific, Atchison, Richmond and West Point and New York Central were if anything more largely traded in. The upward movement also made further progress and Union Pacific was the leader rising to 46 against 44⅝ at the opening. Iowa Central rose from 15 to 16, but there was no other marked movement. The market at noon was still active and strong at the highest prices of the morning. Sales to noon: Listed 210,000; unlisted, 800.
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 24.—Mexican 4s, 72; common, 23; Allouez, 1½; Atlantic, 10¼; Montana, 37¼; Butte, 15¼; Centennial, 11; Franklin, 14; Kearsarge, 10; Osceola, 27½; Santa Fe, 30.

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STOCKS.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Atchison	44⅝	45⅜	44⅝	45⅜
Canada Southern	62⅞	63⅛	62⅞	63⅛
Canadian Pacific	....	....	....	....
Central New Jersey	113	113	112⅞	113
Chicago Gas Trust	68⅜	69½	68⅜	69⅛
C., C., C. & St. L.	70⅞	71	70⅞	70⅞
*C., R. I. & P.	88⅝	89¼	88⅝	89⅛
C., B. & Q.	108⅝	109⅛	108⅝	109⅛
C., M. & St. P., com	81	81⅛	80⅞	81⅛
C., M. & St. P. pfd	123⅛	123⅛	123⅛	123⅜
C. & N. W. com	116⅜	116⅜	116⅜	116⅝
C. & N. W. pfd	....	....	....	....
Cotton Oil com.	33¼	34⅛	33¼	34⅛
Cotton Oil pfd.	62⅜	63½	62⅜	63½
D., L. & W.	140⅝	141⅜	140⅝	140⅞
Delaware & Hudson	123⅞	124	123⅞	123⅞
Denver & Rio Grande	....	....	....	....
Erie, com.	32⅞	33⅜	32⅞	33⅛
Erie, pfd	73⅞	74½	73⅞	74¼
Hocking Valley	30½	30½	30¼	30¼
Illinois Central	108⅛	108⅜	108⅛	108⅜
Laclede Gas, com	20⅞	21	20⅞	20⅞
Laclede Gas, pfd	....	....	....	....
Laclede Gas, bond	....	....	....	....
Lake Erie & Western, com	21⅞	21⅞	21⅞	21⅞
Lake Erie & Western, pfd	69	69⅜	68⅞	69⅛
Lake Shore	125	126	125	125⅞
Louisville & Nashville	82½	83⅜	82⅞	83⅛
Lead Trust	17⅞	18	17⅞	18
Linseed Oil	29	31⅛	29	31⅛
Michigan Central	109⅛	109⅜	109⅛	109⅜
Missouri Pacific	62½	62⅞	62	62⅞
M., K. & T., com	28⅛	28⅞	28⅛	28⅞
M., K. & T., pfd	....	....	....	....
Mobile & Ohio	42⅜	43	42	42
Manhattan Elevated	....	....	....	....
New York & New England	40⅜	40⅝	40	40⅜
New York Central	118	119⅝	118	119⅝
Nor'k & Western, com	....	....	....	....
Nor'k & Western, pfd*	....	....	....	....
North American	18⅞	19	18⅞	19
Northern Pacific, com	26	26⅛	26	26⅛
Northern Pacific, pfd	70⅞	72⅛	70⅞	72
Oregon & Transcontinental	....	....	....	....
Oregon Nav. & Trans.	....	....	....	....
Ohio & Mississippi	....	....	....	....
Pacific Mail	38⅛	38⅜	37⅞	38
Philadelphia & Reading	39⅛	39⅜	39⅛	39⅜
Pullman Palace Car	....	....	....	....
Richmond Terminal	13½	14⅛	13⅞	14⅛
Silver	94⅜	94⅜	94⅜	94⅜
Sugar, common	85½	85½	85⅛	85⅜
Sugar, pfd	92⅜	92⅜	92⅜	92⅜
St. L. & S. F.	....	....	....	....
St. L. & S. F., 1st pfd.	....	....	....	....
St. L. & S. F., 2d pfd.	....	....	....	....
Texas & Pacific	13⅜	13⅜	13⅜	13⅜
Union Pacific	44⅞	46⅛	44⅞	46⅛
Wab., St. L. & P.	14⅛	....	....	14⅛
Wab., St. L. & P., pfd	31⅛	31⅜	31⅛	31⅜
Western U. T. Co.	84½	84⅝	84	84⅝
Whisky Trust	59⅛	59⅜	59	59

*Ex-div.

Local Bonds.

Corrected daily by James Campbell, Broker, 307 Pine street.

U. S. BONDS.	When due.	Interest Payable.	Bid.	Ask.
2 ⅌ cent bonds	1891	J. S. D. & M.	101	102
4 ⅌ cent bonds	1906	J. A. J. O. O.	117	117½
ST. LOUIS CITY AND COUNTY BONDS.				
City 3½s sterling	1919	Feb and Aug	95	97½
City 3-65 sterling	1907	June and Dec	96	97½
City 4s, 10-20s, sterling	1902—05	Various	99	100
City 4s, sterling	1905	June and Dec	100	101
City 4s, sterling	1908	April and Oct	101	102
City 4s, sterling	1918	Jan and July	102½	104
City 5s, sterling	1900	Jan and July	105	101
City 6s, gold	1892	Various	100	100½
City 6s, B. app.	1892	June and Dec	99	101
City 6s, sterling	1893—94	Various	101½	102½
City 6s, sterling	1895—96	Various	104	105
City 6s, sterling	1898—99	Various	109	111
County Park 6s	1905	April and Oct	116½	119
RAILWAY BONDS.				
Mo. Pac. consols	1920	May and Nov	105	106
Mo. Pac. 3ds	1906	May and Nov	111	112½
No. Mo. 1st m 7s	1895	Jan and July	108½	110½
K. P. 1st m 6s	1895	Feb and Aug	107½	108
K. P. 1st m 6s	1896	June and Dec	106½	107
K. P. D. Ex. 6s	1899	May and Nov	108	109
K. P. consols	1910	May and Nov	107	108
St. L., I. M. 1st 7s	1892	Feb and Aug	102½	103½
CLEARING-HOUSE STATEMENT.				
Clearances				$4,483,378
Balances				331,972

Marine.

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WIVES BRUTALLY BEATEN.

Two Husbands Practice Most Outrageous Cruelty.

Mrs. Josie Etersby was brutally assaulted by her husband yesterday and injured so seriously that she may die. About 9 o'clock she walked into the Dispensary followed by four little children. She said her husband had set upon her and beat her so that she was forced to leave her home and seek the doctors. Her clothes were ragged and bloody, and her breast, arms and shoulders were a mass of bruises. Upon closer examination it was found that the larynx had been burst by a blow and her breathing was difficult and interrupted. She refused to go to the hospital and was sent home to 1525½ North Eighth street in an ambulance. As she reached the house her husband set upon her again with a knife. Detective Bambrick interfered in time to save the woman and took the man to jail.

Mrs. Joseph Martin of No. 28 South Leonard avenue yesterday evening swore out a warrant of assault with intent to kill, against her husband. She was found in the back yard of her dwelling by a police officer. She was yelling murder at the top of her voice and said her husband had tried to kill her and her 12-year-old boy.

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Had Not Found a Man.

Miss Josie Ritzki went to Recorder Hobbs' office yesterday and said she wanted a license to marry. She said she did not know the men yet but there were two or three who were willing. Upon being questioned she said she had just come from the Female Hospital and that her father lived in Chicago. The hospital was telephoned and reported that the young weman was a little out of her head, so she was detained until her father could be heard from.

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May Die of His Injuries.

John Maloney, a laborer living at 921 North Fifteenth street, who was beaten by a police officer on Oct. 17 last, is now in a serious condition and his doctors consider him in grave danger. Maloney was one of a crowd at a raffle on Morgan street, where some one fired a shot, and the police took a hand and Maloney was arrested and beaten.

JAMES MCNICHOL, merchant tailor, has removed from 115 North Sixth street to Commercial Building, corner Sixth and Olive streets, room 204.

Marten May Die.

Ben Marten, who was shot by Doc Sweeney in Lang's saloon on Tuesday evening, was reported very low yesterday and Officer Lett swore out a warrant against Sweeney for assault with intent to kill. Sweeney was put in jail.

THE location of the new headquarters of the Board of Public Schools, Public School Library at Ninth and Locust street, makes the Chemical National Bank, at the corner of Sixth and Locust street, the most convenient banking institution in the city for teachers and the patrons of the Library.

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PAT SLAVIN'S HIDE.

Out of It Sullivan Will Take His Revenge.

HOW THE CHAMPION WILL EVEN UP HIS AUSTRALIAN TREATMENT.

He Declares Slavin Is Afraid to Meet Him—Jack McAuliffe Will Battle With Billy Myer if a Fortune Is Hung Up—Latonia Tricks St. Louis—Other Sporting News.

A San Francisco telegram to the New York WORLD gives an interview with Sullivan on Slavin. It will be read with interest, but is based on the false interviews with Slavin, sent out just after his arrival, in which he was quoted as saying that he would fight Sullivan inside of ten weeks and would force John L. to make the match or show the white feather. It has since been shown that Slavin merely said he would prefer the fight should take place inside of ten weeks, as he would have to return to England to do battle with Jackson. The Australian said he did not think that Sullivan could meet him in that time and that he would fight the American any time within a year. Since the interview Slavin has agreed with Sullivan's backers to a match in September, and is to cover the champion's forfeit next Tuesday.

John L. was not in good humor, says the WORLD telegram, for he had seen the morning papers containing the remarks of Paddy Slavin and "Chawley" Mitchell, on their arrival in New York last night. In answer to the question, "What do you think about the intentions of Mr. Slavin?" Sullivan said:

"What can I say? Slavin don't mean business or he would have covered my forfeit long ago. He need not have come over to America, for he could have planked up on the other side. My money has been up in New York for several months, and no one ever heard it had been taken down.

"Slavin got in with a cute 'mug' when he struck Mitchell and all they want is money. Mitchell is foxy enough to make capital out of the thing, for he well knows that I am under contract with Duncan Harrison and Barnitt until the first week in June and cannot honorably break it. I have too much honor about me to do that, and they knew it. If they were on the square why didn't Slavin go and put up his money before he commenced shooting off his mouth. But all the same I don't believe they will make much more here, for the American people are dead on to their game."

"If Jackson whips Slavin in March, will you still fight the latter?"

"I don't know, I've had pretty near enough glory, and Slavin's money is just as good as anybody else's. I told Slavin in St. Louis that I would give him a fight when my contract expired, providing he did not in the mean time get licked. However, I hope I'll get a chance at this fellow yet, and the world will then have a chance to see whether John L. Sullivan is still in it or not. I might make a match with Slavin for September or October, 1892, for a good sum, win or lose with Jackson."

"What do you think of Slavin's talk of meeting you before he tackles Peter Jackson in March?"

"He knew what he was doing when he made that talk," said John, "for Mitchell, knowing me as well as he does, felt sure I would keep my contract. They also thought I could not get into fighting trim in eight or ten weeks. I'll give that Australain more fight than he wants before he gets through. I got it in the neck from his countrymen and I'll get my revenge out of his hide. Just when I thought everything looked like getting a match with Slavin, he goes and signs with Jackson. He don't want to fight me, that's as clear as crystal."

Sullivan, in the opinion of competent judges—men who know his condition thoroughly—could not be got into fighting shape in less than three months. Paddy Ryan, in a conversation with the WORLD's representative to-day, said John would need considerably more than three months' time to fit him for a battle.

The champion at present weighs 220 pounds, and last night Ryan, fat as he is, was the liveliest of the two by odds. This being the case, if Sullivan made the match with Slavin he would need to go right to work next June and train hard until October.

NEVER TOUCHED HIM.

The San Francisco *Daily Report* of the day following the Woods and Choynski fight said:

Joe Choynski was the most conspicuous person on a certain portion of Kearny street this morning. There was not a mark on his face, and no one would have thought that he had been in the ring for 186 long minutes the night before. With him was Sam Fitzpatrick, whose face was wreathed with smiles.

Choynski is already looking for another fight, and the Pacific Club is doing its best to get him one. This morning a telegram was sent to Billy Madden asking what purse Peter Maher, the Irish champion, would want to meet Choynski in February.

"Yes," said Choynski to a *D. R.* reporter this morning, "I have promised to fight again in February, and I suppose I will have to fight. I am not anxious to fight so soon, but if Maher is willing I will meet him in February."

Choynski has nothing to say against Woods, although he smiled in a significant way when the reporter suggested that Woods had not put on a very bold front.

"I have heard a great many people complaining about the long fight I made last night," said he. "I told my friends before I fought that I did not intend to make a short battle. A number of my friends came to me and said that they were going to bet on the rounds. I told every one of them not to gamble on a short fight.

"Heretofore I have taken great risks in trying to make short work of my opponents, but this time I changed my tactics. I was determined to take things easy. So long as I knew that the fight was going my way I thought it my privilege to whip Woods as I saw fit. Woods is an awkward fellow to get at, and especially when you have to go after him all the time."

Choynski's left hand is still badly swollen. He says he hurt it early in the fight in trying to upper cut.

Woods is still under cover, and will probably not be able to make a presentable appearance for several days.

During the fight last night the frequent remarks of persons in the crowd were plainly heard by the boxers and furnished Choynski an opportunity to rally Woods.

"Now, Woods," said Choynski, after he had been chasing him around the ring for a number of rounds, "you have shown the crowd that you are a good sprinter; get in and show them how you can fight for a round."

Woods, however, preferred sprinting and remarked: "You are the favorite, Joe, and this is a twenty-four-foot ring."

John L. Sullivan, after his performance at the Bush Street Theater last night, went to the club. Woods' conduct disgusted him and he said the Denver man was "fighting like an old woman." He named the winner after seeing one round.

SLAVIN'S HOT RECEPTION.

The New York *Sun* of last Tuesday prints the following:

A surrey, in which were four stout men, all wearing silk hats, was drawn through Park row about 5 o'clock last night. Opposite the *Sun* office a newsboy shouted: "Hully, jee, fellers, dere's Slagen an' Mlichy." In an instant the rig was surrounded by a howling mass of boys, and there was one man with a stentorian voice. "Ello, Cha-rley, ye big English bluffer," he shouted, and he added "stuffs," "stuffs."

"Ow afre ye, Charley?" the big man shouted again, and there was a babble of small voices that drowned the answer Charley Mitchell made.

"Wait till Sully gits at ye," the man with the big voice cried.

Slavin got very red in the face, and then all the boys began singing. "Beefer, beefer, beef, beef, beefer. Sully'll up an pound ye till ye'er a damn site deafer." They kept it up till a bridge policeman drove them away, and the surrey with the pugilists started over the bridge.

THE GIBBONS-BOWEN CONTEST.

As the time for the Gibbons-Bowen contest approaches interest in the affair increases hereabouts, but there is no betting, because Bowen is unknown here, says the New York *Advertiser*. There is a belief, however, that he will win if he does not become frightened at Gibbons' height and reach. Austin's great forte is in bidding his time in a fight and at an opportune time cracking his man on the point of the jaw with his right. He can strike a tremendous blow with this hand at long range. A really clever man like Jack McAuliffe can evade it with ease. It remains to be seen whether Bowen is skilful enough to weather it. Reports sent North from Gibbons' training quarters report him as being in excellent condition. He is one of the most conscientious workers I ever met, and a very decent fellow in private life. I ask my Southern friends to give him a stranger's welcome, and I am sure he will have fair play when he meets the Crescent City lad.

BARNETT MISTAKEN IN THE TIME.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—Jack Barnett, manager for John L. Sullivan, said yesterday that the telegram from New York stating that Arthur T. Lumley, representing Sullivan, met Frank Slavin and arranged to sign articles for a fight to a finish in fifteen weeks between Sullivan and Slavin cannot possibly be true. Sullivan's engagement to play with Duncan B. Harrison will not expire till June 5, 1892, and he cannot even prepare for a fight till after the expiration of the engagement.

FITZSIMMONS BROKE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Carroll's defeat cost 'Frisco sports some money, but what they lost is nothing to what they would have sunk had Myer's Chicago friends sent out coin here to the pool-rooms. Although the Carroll men were willing to give odds of $10 to $7 Tuesday afternoon, no money could be found. Bob Fitzsimmons must have been completely cleaned out, as he declared before he left here that he would bet everything he could borrow on Carroll. Fitzsimmons has lost by his partnership with Carroll, for Jimmy has induced him to go into several losing speculations. Fitzsimmons had so little cash that he was forced to borrow enough to pay his fare to New Orleans.

WILL FIGHT FOR THE EARTH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Jack McAuliffe wired Charles Noel, President of the Olympic Club of New Orleans, last night that he would fight Billy Myer in that city for a purse of $10,000 and for $7,000 a side. McAuliffe expressed surprise at Carroll's defeat by Myer.

PUGILISTIC POINTERS.

Billy Madden stated in New York yesterday that Peter Maher would not go out to San Francisco and go up against Joe Choynski. Madden said Corbett was the man Maher wants to try conclusions with.

Jimmy Carroll, who was defeated by Billy Myer last Tuesday night, has decided to retire from the ring. He will in the future devote himself to managing "Bob" Fitzsimmons, middle-weight champion, Alex Greggains and Johnny Griffin.

Billy Myer and his friends left New Orleans yesterday. Before departing, the "Streator Cyclone" is reported as saying that he will now endeavor to secure a match with Jim Carney, the English champion, and will return to the Crescent City in time to witness the Bowen-Gibbons fight. If the former wins, Myer will challenge him, he says.

W. C. Brady, representing James J. Corbett, has secured Madison Square Garden for the night of Feb. 11, the date set for the six-round encounter between Corbett and Mitchell. The former claims to be badly disappointed at Mitchell's determination not to fight him to a finish, but has kindly consented to make a few thousand dollars in an easier way.

THE TURF.

There was a meeting of the officers and Executive Committee of the St. Louis Agricultural & Mechanical Association at 3 o'clock this afternoon to take action upon the movement of the Latonia Jockey Club to clash dates with St. Louis at the spring meetings. St. Louis has always followed Latonia and began their meetings on the first Saturday in June and continued until the opening of the Washington Park meeting two weeks later. Latonia has always respected this arrangement and closed their meeting on the first Saturday in June. This year, however, they have announced their meeting to open May 21, and to close June 24. They make their dates clash with the entire St. Louis meeting and open two weeks before St. Louis. In other words, they take all of their own and all of the St. Louis dates. St. Louis, however, will strike back at them with their own weapons, and they propose to open May 14, a week in advance of Latonia, and continue until June 24. Latonia will then be thrown on the defensive. The dispute may lead to the rupture of the Western Turf Congress, of which both associations are members.

STILL UNDECIDED.

The new rule adopted by the Board of Control on Wednesday last is exciting wide discussion among turfmen. It consists of an amendment to rule 18 of the existing rules of racing and provides that at the discretion of the Executive Committee without notice the entries of any persons or the transfer of any entry may be refused. This touches a very fine legal point, which may be decided in the suit of Mr. Corrigan against the Coney Island Jockey Club for the stakes won by Huron when he ran second in the last Futurity. It is held to be questionable as a point in law whether a racing association in this State, incorporated and deriving special benefit by means of legislation, can decline by any rule and what nominators may enter their horses or just what horses shall be eligible to run for certain advertised stakes. The Huron case is probably broad enough to settle this question for all time, and there is no doubt that if it should prove broad enough the question will be settled for all time, because the defeated party is sure to appeal the case and have a decision from the court of last resort. The Board of Control no doubt has been advised by lawyers in relation to this amendment to rule 18, but lawyers are not always right in their own interpretation of the law.

AT GUTTENBURG.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The races at Guttenburg course yesterday resulted as follows:

First race, three-quarters of a mile—Sir George, first; Lillian, second; Jule G., third. Time, 1:17½.

Second race, five furlongs—Magic, first; Morgan G., second; Rosa G., third. Time, 1:05.

Third race, six and a-half furlongs—Climax, first; Catlan, second; Gettysburg, third. Time, 1:22.

Fourth race, three-quarters of a mile—Paragon, first; Manhansett, second; Gambler, third. Time, 1:17½.

Fifth race, three-quarters of a mile—Bancocas, first; Vagabond, second; St. Pancras, third. Time, 1:16½.

Sixth race, one mile—Smuggler, first; Cyn osure second; Bohemian, third. Time, 1:47½.

SOUTH SIDE PARK RESULTS.

The races at South Side Park yesterday resulted as follows:

First race, selling, six furlongs—St. Leo, first; Volci, second; George K., third. Time, 1:25.

Second race, purse, four and a half furlongs—St. Paul, first; Bob Francis, second; Bob Wade, third. Time, 1:04.

Third race, purse, five furlongs—Sinbad, first; Anerce, second; Josephine Cassidy, third. Time, 1:12.

Fourth race, purse, five furlongs—Hoodo, first; Vedetta, second; Kildare, third. Time, 1:08.

Fifth race, selling, four and a half furlongs—Cinch, first; Col. Cox, second; Ivanhoe, third. Time, 1:02.

Sixth race, purse, five furlongs—Volci, first; Frank Lilly, second; Mayor Nolan, third. Time, 1:09.

TRACK TALK.

Charles Horace Nelson, the well-known horseman, figured in a disgraceful barber shop fight at his home at Waterville, Me., yesterday. Nelson and the knight of the razor disagreed over some trifling matter, and the result was that the horseman was roughly handled.

The all-absorbing topic at Guttenburg yesterday was the action of the Board of Control as shown in the resolutions passed by that body on Tuesday, to drive winter racing to the wall. The Guttenburg managers announced that racing would continue, and that for every horse withdrawn there three would take its place.

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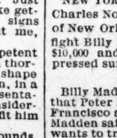

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FOOT-BALL.

The Washington University and Pastime Athletic Club Elevens will meet for the first time at Sportsman's Park to-morrow afternoon. The contest will be under intercollegiate rules. The Pastimes have representatives of Eastern colleges on their teams, while the Washingtons will have the Reber brothers, Ed Munson and Fred Scullin back with them. The kick-off will take place at 3 p. m. The elevens will line up as follows:

Washington.	Position.	Pastimes.
Tuttle	Left end	Brokaw
Rorick	Left guard	Hebard
Munson	Center rush	Forbes
Brenneke	Right guard	Filley
Steedman	Right tackle	Leonard
Clark	Right end	Pope
Eaton	Quarter back	Keuffman
Scullin	Half back	Highieman
C. S. Reber	Half back	Mudd
Capt. H. L. Reber	Full back	Capt. Cabanne

Substitutes—Harrison and Estes for Washington and Carter and Mannewal for the Pastimes.

THE GUN.

A pigeon shooting match between teams from the University club and the St. Louis club takes place to-morrow at the Fair Grounds in front of the club-house. Mr. Rolla Wells having extended the courtesies of the club and grounds to the members of the other clubs. Shooting commences at 10:30 a. m.

BASE BALL.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 24.—Fred Pfeffer may play second-base for and captain the Louisville team next season after all. President Stuckey has written to Anson offering to trade Browning for him. It so happens that the transfer would be exactly suitable to both men and both clubs. The Chicago team now has men who can cover second perfectly, but needs another outfielder.

SPORTING NOTES.

To-day is the last day to enter for the boys' hare and hound chase at Forest Park next Sanday. Entries must be made with John C. Meyers.

W. Steinitz arrived at Havana, Cuba, yesterday. All being well, the chess match between Steinitz and Tschigorin will be opened next Sunday.

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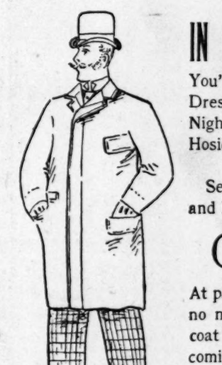

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WHAT CHILI MAY

Little Prospect of an Apology for Valparaiso Murders.

FORCE MAY BE REQUIRED TO CAU EXPRESSION OF REGRET.

President-Elect Montt to Be Inaug To-Morrow—Police Spies Still the American Legation at San Possible Ally in Peru—South can Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The result controversy with Chili hinges upon port of the courts on the Valparaiso and the character of the reply which t Chilian Government will mak the demand of the States for reparation. This was made by President Harrison on through Minister Egan, based upon port of Capt. Schley of the Baltimore, sailors were murdered by the Val mob on the 16th of that month.

It is held that if Chili was not respons the actions of the mob in Valparais disavowal of the mob's acts and an e sion of the regret for the assault and sults would have removed every ca insisting upon an immediate apology, regret would have been regarded as apology that diplomacy could expect ing a judicial investigation. has not been a word of regret from Chi the news of the killing of the Baltimore was received. On the contrary, the upon the Baltimore's sailors has bee lowed by many petty acts of enmity b people, all inspired by a feeling of h assumed to be a continuation of the that led to the killing of the bluejacket of which has been disavowed by Chili the Legation of the United States has singled out as an object of conspicuou repeated annoyances, which ought to been prevented.

With these facts so prominent it is t lief in Washington that the re the Minister of Foreign Affairs to retary Blaine will be a avowal of Chili's responsibility fo mob's work. This view is carried out tenor of all dispatches recently re from Minister Egan, and the indicatio that Chili will only express regret conduct of her people when she is com to do so by United States ships

The suggestion has been made that event of hostilities between the United and Chili Peru could easily be made an tnis country; that the little republic eagerly join in a war against her ne with the view of getting back the big her territory taken by Chili in the la between those nations. This reward be exacted as the price of her assistan the way of throwing open her ports as of supplies for warships.

PRESIDENT MONTT.

THERE MAY BE TROUBLE AT THE INA TION CEREMONIES TO-MORROW.

VALPARAISO, Chili, Dec. 25.—The ina tion of President George Montt takes at the capitol to-morrow. The rumo piots and meditated revolts has cau feeling of anxiety among public official is the general impression, however, the ceremony of installing the ly elected President will pass without any incident to mar the impo of the event. Preparations are not le to put down any disturbance if it arises the past few nights there has been unw activity aboard the Chilian war-ships harbor. The crews have been roused their quarters, electric lights have thrown on the forts, and the sailors ha been armed with Mannlicher rifles. vigilance has been shown also in gu the arsenal. President Montt is repres as saying that he hoped all the diffic which had arisen between the United and Chili would be settled amicably, did not believe the people of either desired to see any trouble.

Despite Minister Matta's assurances police spies would be withdrawn fro American legation at Santiago, there men constantly on the watch about the bassy. That they are there by directio some high authority admits of no d Their eyes closely scan everybody who g and goes. This surveillance is not pe kept up to annoy or insult Egan or the Ge ment he represents, but to prevent th cape or removal under protection United States of the Balmacedan ref who are now harbored under the U states flag.

TROOPS AT THE FOLLS.

CITIZENS OPPOSE THE USE OF SOLDIE ELECTIONS—FINANCIAL MATTERS.

BUENOS AYRES, Argentine, Dec. 25. custom of the incumbent of the Presid office in this Republic of using troops f purpose of bringing about the election successor, has been a fruitful caus revolts and revolutions. Fearing a etition of this custom at coming election, a large meeting citizens was held in the Plaza yesterd protest against the use of soldiers at polls. At the meeting the candidacy of Mitre was warmly indorsed. Gen. Rocc withdrawn his name from the canvass is understood will support Gen. Mitre, was unanimously elected to presidency in 1892. He was succe by Roccca, who was retired Pellegrini in 1895. The rock upon which ship of State has been so badly wreck the past is that of finance.

When Gen. Roca retired from power in the condition of the Argentine Republic as follows: Currency, $70,000,000; Nat debt, $117,000,000. The revenue in gold $47,000,000. The value of a currency d was then 89 cents in gold. In August, when Celman was dispossessed, the cond was as follows: Currency, $200,000,000; Na al debt, $350,000,000; revenue in gold, $22 000. The value of a paper dollar was the cents in gold.

The condition for November, 1891, Currency, $634,000,000; national debt, $475, 000; revenue, $27,000,000 in gold; value paper dollar, 27½ cents in gold.

In this connection a comparison with financial situation in Brazil is interest Advices from Rio Janeiro state that sh exchange fell to 6 per cent, which is sidered likely there, it would only be a d tion of time when the payment of coupon the foreign debt would be extremely diffi

The Brazilian public debt has increase follows: In 1864 it was £18,700,000; in $72,100,000; in 1890, £127,100,000. Of the amount about one-quarter is held in Lon The above figures are exclusive of the vincial debts, which in 1889 amounted to 80,000,000.

The foreign debt, which was converte the Exchange at 12 per cent, is made up t In 1888 it was £4,300,000 at 6 per cent; in £6,300,000 at 4½ per cent; in 1890, £19,500,00 4 per cent.

These figures are exclusive of the guar tees on railways, sugar factories and co enterprises.

The Banca de la Nacion, which was rec ly created, provides for the new issue of $ 00,000 in convertible notes, of which $5,00 go to the new bank and $5,000,000 to red the patriotic loan of 1891.

Beyond all disputs this continual inflat of the currency will ultimately result tremendous collapse, as the money paid i the Mortgage Bank is not accounted for. public officials of the Province of Bue Ayres are unpaid. The Government of Pata has issued a special kind of notes coupons on the mortgages.

There is every probability that the